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MAINE WARSHIP GONE DOWN IN THE HAVANA HARBOR

Blown Up in the Night in a Mysterious Manner and 253 Americans Go Down to Death.

WARLIKE FEELING OVER THE AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

Captain Sigsbee Refuses to Express an Opinion as to the Cause of the Calamity.

Blanco Insists That the Ship Was Destroyed by Accident--How Does He Know--Expressions at Washington and New York--President McKinley's Telegram of Sympathy and Instruction--Latest News from Havana---De-Lome Speaks.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Assistant Secretary of State Day this morning received the following message from General Lee: "The Maine blew up at 9:40 last night. The explosion occurred well forward, under the men's quarters, consequently many were lost It is believed that all of the officers are saved, but Jno Jenkins and Merritt who are not accounted for. The cause of the explosion is yet to be investigated. The captain general and army and navy officers rendered every assistance. Captain Sigsbee and most of his officers were on board the steamer City of Washington at the time. Others were on the Spanish gunboat and in the city. I am with Captain Sigsbee who has telegraphed the navy department."

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

James Howe, the Ship's Cook, Able to Tell a Story.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Evening Telegram's Havana special says: James Howe, the ship's cook, the least injured of any of the Maine crew, was brought in while I was there

I asked him how it happened. "I don't know," he replied. "I turned in my hammock at 8 o'clock and heard three bells strike I don t remember anything more until I felt myself turning over and over, falling heavily upon the deck through a mass of smoke. I got upon my feet and worked my way to the main deck. When I got there the superstructure of the deck was dipping under water. I jumped overboard and kept from being drawn down by the suction I was picked up by a boat of the Spanish man of war."

As far as I can learn now the explosion took place in the magazine used for the storage of gun cotton for the torpedoes

The vessel lies with the bows wholly submerged only a part of the stern showing

The explosion, which shook the city from end to end, created the wildest excitement All the electric lights were put out by the shock The fire engines rushed madly about No one knew for certain from which direction the explosion came

EXCITEMENT AT WASHINGTON

Telegrams from the Naval Commanders Speculations.

Washington, Feb. 16—The navy department was the scene of intense excitement this morning The first news from Commandant Forsyth at Key West, who stated that he has been notified by Captain Sigsbee of the Maine to inform Admiral Sicard in command of the North Atlantic squadron, that the Maine had blown up and was destroyed He requested the lighthouse tender to be sent to Havana and added that many were killed and wounded. Commandant Forsyth further said that the lighthouse tender Mangrove left Key West at 3 o'clock this morning for Havana and that the tug Fern would probably follow her at once. The second dispatch said that he had sent the torpedo boat Ericson to Admiral Sicard at Dry Tortugas, with a message concerning the disaster to the Maine. Captain Dikens, chief of the navigation bureau, expressed the opinion that the explosion took place in the magazine of the Maine. This was evident for the reason that the ship was afloat an hour after the explosion. Had a torpedo been fired under the battleship she would have sunk almost immediately.

MANY MISSING.

Those Escaped Death Who were Able to Swim—Blanco Gave Help.

Havana, Feb 16.—Two officers and more than 200 of the crew of the battleship Maine, wrecked in this harbor by an explosion last night, are missing. Some of the crew, who were able to swim, kept afloat till picked up by boats Six of the wounded crew and one officer have been taken to the military hospital by General Blanco's orders

DE LOME LOVES AMERICA.

What He Had to Say To-Day—Declares There Will be No War.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Ex-Spanish Minister, De Lome, heard the news of the disaster to the Maine at his hotel this morning. At first he refused to credit the news, but when the truth dawned upon him he said:

"It's terrible I pray God the news has been exaggerated. You may be sure of one thing, however, no Spaniard did this. The Spanish ministry and Spanish people have been greatly misunderstood in this country. They all desired peace. They all want peace with America and Americans, not only from motives of policy, but because they love America. I am forced to say now by this terrible affair what I should have been precluded from saying before. There is no country in the world I love as I do America I love the country and the people and it is with the keenest regret that I take my leave as the result of this unfortunate letter incident. Nearly all prominent Spaniards and men of influence in my country share my views in regard to America, Spain cannot afford to go to war with the United States. If only from motives of policy they are determined not to have war Such a thing is out of the question If the Maine was blown up in the Havana harbor it is the result of an accident. That's certain. THERE WILL BE NO WAR."

NEWS AS SPANISH LEGATION

Captain General Blanco is Positive as to Cause in His Message

Washington, Feb 16—The news of the disaster was learned at the Spanish legation with horror and was the occasion for many expressions of most profound regret and condolence. Early Du Bosc, charge d'affaires, received a message from Captain General Blanco, dated Havana, 8 o'clock this morning, which read as follows "With profound regret I have to inform you that the American ship Maine in this harbor, blew up by undoubtedly chance accident, believed to have resulted from the explosion of the boiler of the dynamo. Immediately following the accident, all forces hastened to extend every aid possible. There included the force of marine, fire brigade and all generals in Havana, among them my chief of staff. There have been deaths and wounded. I have sent an aide de camp to offer every assistance to the American consul that he may wish for I will forward further details as soon as they become available

(Signed) Blanco"

Du Bosc said to the Associated Press: "Of course I look with horror upon the mishap, which was due solely and simply to an accident. That is the clear and unequivocal statement of the authorities at Havana and all evidence goes to sustain it."

Du Bosc hastened to the state department for the purpose of expressing deep condolence to the authorities.

Blanco Again.

Madrid, Feb. 16—Captain General Blanco has cabled the authorities here and at Washington that the disaster to the Maine was due louisputably to an accident.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

Captain Sigsbee's Telegram Today to Long, Secretary of War.

Washington, Feb. 16—While with the president, Secretary Long received the following message from Captain Sigsbee: "I advise the sending of a wrecking vessel at once. The Maine is submerged, except the debris, which is mostly work for the divers now. Jenkins and Merritt are still missing. There is little hope that they are safe Those known to be saved are: Officers 24, uninjured; crew, 18; the wounded, now on board the Ward Line steamer and in the city hospital and at hotel, 59, as far as known. All others went down on board or near the Maine. Total lost or missing 258.

"With several exceptions no officers of the Maine have more than a part of a suit of clothing, and that is wet with harbor water.

"The Ward steamer leaves for Mexico at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"The officers saved were uninjured.

"The damage was in the compartments of the crew. I am preparing a telegraph list of the wounded and saved. The Olivette leaves for Key West at 1 p m. Will send by her to Key West the officers saved, except myself and Wainwright, Holman, Hennebergen, Ray and Holden.

"Will turn over three uninjured boats to the captain of the port with a request for safe keeping. Will send all wounded to the hospital at Havana.

(Signed) Sigsbee."

NEARLY 420 DEAD.

Latest Information as to the Extent of Loss of Life.

New York, Feb 16.—A Havana special to the Evening Telegram says. Of the crew of 450 men and officers, only 38 are known to have been saved.

The News at Madrid.

Madrid, Feb. 16.—The first news received here direct from Havana said the explosion on the Maine was caused by fire and that the warship, enveloped in flames, afterward sank.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

McKinley Expresses Profound Sympathy for the Crew.

Washington, Feb 16—About noon Secretary Long received the following unsigned telegram from Havana: "Only two officers are unaccounted for. The explosion was forward, with all indications that it was in the magazine, but cannot tell till after investigation The sentry on the top deck reports that no boats were in the vicinity of the ship when the explosion occurred."

A telegram from G. B. Bos, said to be a newspaper correspondent, said: "No excitement. All quiet Only feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the accident"

Another statement was that the missing will probably number 270

Secretary Long sent the following 'The president directs me to express for himself and the people of the United States profound sympathy with the officers and crew of the Maine, and desires that no expense be spared in providing for the survivors and the care of the dead."

BUTLER'S OPINION.

He Believes that a Bold Spaniard Caused the Wreck.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The greatest interest prevailed among the senators and representatives as to the extent of the Maine disaster. With only the first report before them and in recognition of the gravity of utterances, there is a hesitancy to express opinions. The immense gravity of the situation, in case later advices should show the disaster was not accidental, is admitted by all. Chairman Hitt of the foreign affairs committee, Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee and members of the naval committees of the house all said they preferred to await fuller information before expressing themselves. Mr Hitt said it would be well for the public to follow the one given by Captain Sigsbee and suspend judgment till the cause of the disaster is ascertained. Ex-Senator Butler of South Carolina, member of the committee on foreign relations during his service, was of the opinion that some bold man had gone aboard among the many doubtless allowed to visit the ship, and had placed grenade with a slow match where it would explode the magazine Members of both houses, as a rule, expressed the opinion that there should be no publication that the catastrophe was the result of an accident, but there were some opinions, generally expressed under breath, with the admonition not to publish anything, to the effect that the affair looked very mysterious and doubtful.

FEELING IN NEW YORK.

Captain Sumner Believes the Explosion Due to Spanish Villainy.

New York, Feb. 16.—Captain Sumner, acting commandant of the navy yard, said: "It is impossible that the blowing up of the Maine was due to an accident. The magazines were closed at sundown and the passage ways and ammunition elevators are guarded at all times by men who shoot on sight any man or men caught tampering with them." Later Captain Sumner denied that he gave expression to the foregoing published statement.

SIGSBEE IS SILENT.

He Declines to Express an Opinion as to Cause of Wreck.

Washington, Feb. 16—Two members of the cabinet who spent some time with the president today, state that everything received indicates that the loss of the Maine was due to an accident. CAPTAIN SIGSBEE DECLINES TO EXPRESS AN OPINION.

Latest.

Washington, Feb 16—Among the matter discussed by the president and the cabinet was the question of the expediency of immediately sending one or more warships to Havana to take the place of the Maine. The conclusion was reached that at present such a course was not desirable. It is authoritatively stated at the white house that the information so far received indicates that the loss of the Maine was the result of an accident In absence of evidence to the contrary, this should be assumed to be a fact.

TRIED TO SAVE THE SHIP.

Captain Sigsbee Was on Deck—Brave Work of Maine Marines.

New York, Feb. 16—The Telegram's Havana special says "Captain Sigsbee was on deck when the explosion came It was in the bow The sentry stationed there had seen nothing suspicious Here are a few of the survivors brought ashore: Lostus, Shea, Carthor, Smith, Lond, Durkee, Kane, McNair, Ruske, Bronan I have talked with some of the officers and seamen. One officer said: "When I got out on deck the fire had started forward There was a good strong breeze The call for all hands on deck was promptly obeyed and men and officers were perfectly cool All possible efforts were made to check the flames without avail. The flames spread rapidly Several explosions occurred The magazines were burst open and explosives thrown overboard In half an hour it was apparent that nothing could save the ship."

CAUSE OF WRECK

Officers of the Maine Give a Statement for Publication.

New York, Feb. 16—The Evening World's Havana copyright special says: "The officers of the Maine state that the explosion was in the central magazine. The vessel was raised out of the water and went partially to pieces." The dispatch continues: "All but the surgeon were in the ward room at the moment of the explosion. Then came a stupendous shock. All the officers below rushed on deck, but could get no further forward than the middle superstructure. Only a very few of the 350 sailors ever got from below, The water rushed over them and many were stunned and drowned, not mangled. It is not likely that more than 40 sailors were saved. The officers on deck narrowly escaped. In the junior officer's mess all had to clamber out through water and wreckage waist deep. All agree that a double explosion occurred. Out of the dense smoke came anguished cries for help to those on land and water. Simultaneously with the cessation of falling fragments of iron and wood from the wreck search lights were thrown on it Spanish boats from the shore joined those of the steamer Washington in the rescue of those still alive."

CONGRESS.

In the Senate the Maine Disaster Was Ignored.

Washington, Feb 16.—The senate ignored the Maine disaster and considered a resolution to prevent the confirmation of the Kansas Pacific railroad agreement.

The senate without action on the resolution went into executive session. Lee telegraphed from Havana: "I am not prepared yet to report the cause of the explosion."

The house took up the bankruptcy bill. Henderson of Iowa opened with a long explanatory speech.

The coast survey steamer Bache, now at Key West, has been ordered to Havana with the wrecking paraphenalia.

STOCK MARKETS AFFECTED

American Securities Clipped Off in London—New York Feverish.

London, Feb. 16.—American securities opened firm with the belief that the Cuban difficulty is ended. Later they broke rapidly on the news of the Maine disaster.

In New York.

New York, Feb. 16—The shadow of the Maine disaster was on the stock market, which opened a point off for many prominent shares. Part of the losses recovered on supporting orders, but the pressure was renewed, later the market becoming feverish.

LIST OF THE SAVED.

Official Statement Sent to Washington by Captain Sigsbee.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Captain Sigsbee has just reported to Secretary Long the following list of the saved:

CAPT. C. D. SIGSBEE,
LIEUT. COM. R. WAINWRIGHT,
LIEUT. G F. W. HOLMAN,
LIEUT—. J. HOOD,
LIEUT C W. JUNGEN,
LIEUT. G P. BLOW,
LIEUT. J J. BLANDEN.
SURGEON S. G. HENNEBERGER,
PAYMASTER C. M RAY,
CHIEF ENGINEER C. P. HOWELL,
CHAPLAIN J. P. CHADWICK,
ENGINEER F C. BOWERS,
LIEUT OF MARINES A CATLIN,
ASSIST ENGINEER J R. MORRIS,
CADET J. P. HOLDEN,
CADET W. T CLUVERIUS,
CADET R. BRONSON,
CADET P WASHINGTON,
CADET A. CRENSHAW,
CADET J. T BOYD,
BOATSWAIN F E. LARKIN,
GUNNER J. HILL,
CARPENTER J. HELM,
CLERK B. M'CARTHY.

The following sailors are reported saved Redon, Larson, Hillberg, Bullock, Mellville, Willie, Galpin, Kushida, Nophin, Turpin, Harris, Lutz, Jertzon, Holland, Herbert, McDevitt, Foley, Hutchins, Sewhartz, Richards, Teachio, Flynn, Dressler, David, Michaelson, Zobman, Fox, Wilbur, Waters, Anderson, Christianson, Koelher, Ericsson, Mack, Williams, J. White, Pauls, Coffee, J W. Allen, Roe, D. Cronin, F. Cahill, J. Kane, J. Erne, J E. Smith, J Shea, G. Shea, Herness, J. Hefferon, Bloomer, Johnson, Bergman, Mattison, A. Johson, Pilliper, Holtzer, Loftus, McGinnis, W Matlissen, Furness, Good, Darkins, Rau, McNair, Gaberel, A. Hallon, Senetich, A. Knese, Benjmain, McKay.

THE MAINE.

The Great Ship Cost $2,588,000—874 Men on the Roll.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Maine is a battleship of the second class and is regarded as one of the best ships in the new navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard and is 318 feet long, 75 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught and 6682 ton displacement She carries four ten-inch and six six-inch breechloading guns in her main battery and seven six pounders and eight one pounder rapid firing guns and four gatlings in her secondary battery and four Whitehead torpedoes.

Officers of the Maine, besides Commander Sigsbee, are:

Lieutenant Commander Richard Wainwright.

Lieutenants—George F. W. Holman, John Hood, Carl W Yungen.

Lieutenants (Junior Grade)—George P. Blow, John T. Blandid, Friend W. Jenkins

Naval Cadets—Jonas H. Holden, Watt T. Cluverius, Amon Bronson, David F. Boyd, Jr., George Lucien G. Henneberger.

Paymaster—Charles W. Littlefield

Chief Engineer—Charles P. Howell.

Passed Assistant Engineer—Fred C Bowers.

Assistant Engineers—John Morris and Darwin R Merritt.

Naval Cadets (Engineer Division)—Pope Washington, Arthur Crenshaw.

Chaplain—John P Chadwick.

First Lieutenant of the Marine—Albertus W. Catlin

Boatswin—Francis E Larkin.

Gunner—Joseph Hill.

Carpenter—George Pelms

The Maine was built at New York in 1890 at a cost of $2,583,000. She had a steel hull and a complement of 374 men.

SPAIN IS VERY SORRY.

Expressions of Regret as to De Lome's Conduct.

Washington, Feb 16—Spain has expressed regrets for the sentiments of her former minister, Dupuy de Lome, and that incident is closed.

The next step of this government in regard to the general Cuban situation is receiving the president's most serious attention.

The reports and correspondence of the consuls, laying bare the whole story of the attempted extermination of the Cuban people, will go to congress as soon as they can be prepared.

The president feels that the time has come for action, on the part of this government, to end the war, and the only question with him is the form which this aggressive action shall take.

The president is still earnestly desirous of avoiding a war scarce and possible hostilities with Spain, and he is trying to devise some plan for a peaceable settlement on a basis of the independence of Cuba.

That is the Cuban situation briefly put.

The presidents will reply to the resolutions of congress in the fullest spirit. He will send in the reports of consuls. The only reservation will be such portions as might endanger personal safety. The consuls have reported to the department with great freedom. They have kept their government fully informed. They have received confidential information from Cubans and have forwarded it. The reports will be edited, not with the thought of withholding anything from congress, but solely with a due regard for the safety of the informants. Several days may elapse before the reports are sent. Considerable work will have to be done by the department

Free access to the papers has been given to members of the foreign relations and foreign affairs committees The senators and representatives who have read the reports agree as to the character of the information. They unite in saying that the statements of the consuls about the starvation and cruelties are even more horrifying than the accounts sent by the newspaper correspondents The consuls cover all parts of the island. They tell of finding the corpses of the starved in front of the consulates on opening for business in the morning. One consul tells of seeing four bodies in the street one morning. Repeatedly the reports tell of Spanish soldiers coming singly and in squads to the doors of the American consulates and begging for food. The shameful evidences of Spain's mistreatment of her unpaid and unfed soldiers is set forth in multiplicity of detail

LETTER FROM GOMEZ.

Cuban Forces Active and More Confident Than Ever.

New York, Feb. 16—T. Estrada Palma, head of the Cuban Junta, has received a letter from Gen. Maximo Gomez, commander-in-chief of the Cuban army, dated at Mayajigua, February 10. It says, in part.

"There is no truth in the report that I had crossed the trocha into Camaguey Our camp is in the Sancti Spiritus district, where it has been during the last 14 months Our forces have been very active since the promulgation of autonomy by the Spanish government. We see in it Spain's weakness, and feel now more sanguine of our success than ever before Autonomy has had the advantage to rid us of some of the undesirable element in our ranks. We trust it may still serve to purge our army of men of the ilk of Masso Parra, Currvo and other Mejases

"Col. Armando Sanchez Agramonte with 600 men, attacked a Spanish convoy three days ago, and captured 30 pack mules, with ammunition and a regimental strong box with $10,000. The Spanish commander and 13 privates were killed in the first charge."

Birth.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Dilley of West View street, February 14, a son.

AGAIN CONFESSED

Roy Dupuy Insists that He Murdered Carlisle.

HE MUST SWARE TO FACTS

Before the Authorities Will Again Have Anything to Do with Him—Made a Murderous Assault.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Roy Dupuy, the young man who is serving a term in the Pontiac reformatory for burglary committed at Monticello and who claimed that he murdered W B Carlisle in Decatur and then denied it, seems to enjoy making confessions. Dupuy was brought to Decatur for trial and then said his statement was untrue and he was returned to the reform school Dupuy has now renewed his confession and says that he did murder Carlisle.

Last night State's Attorney I R Mills received a letter from George Torrance, the superintendent of the reform school, stating that Dupuy had made another confession The superintendent says that there is no question but that Dupuy is a murderous villain and that on last Tuesday he made an assault on one of the inmates with the intent to kill, but was detected before he succeeded. The superintendent says that as far as he can learn Dupuy thought that the action would lead to his being taken out of the reform school and put in jail, and he would therefore have an opportunity to escape. The superintendent intends to make an effort to have Dupuy sent to the penitentiary for the assault.

The statement made by Dupuy is as follows:

"I, Roy Dupuy. The statement I made of murdering Carlisle is true. I was taken down to Decatur the 17th of January and did no plead guilty My lawyers old me if I pleaded guilty they would hang me. I have come to the conclusion would plead guilty of murdering Carlisle providing they will take me at once and let me plead guilty and get my sentence. I will make a sworn statement; I am anxious to get my sentence.

(Signed) Roy Dupuy, No. 2598"

DUPUY MUST GIVE DETAILS.

State's Attorney Mills says that he will write to Superintendent Torrance and ask him to talk with Dupuy and ascertain whether or not he is willing to give a sworn statement in detail of the murder, giving the names of persons connected with the affair in any way, and the exact places and time. If this is done the authorities will have some clues on which to work and, if possible, corroborate Dupuy's story If Dupuy will give such a statement Mr. Mills will carry out the investigation, but if Dupuy refuses the matter will be dropped. As the young man fooled the authorities once Mr Mills does not care to bother with him again unless he intends to tell the truth about the matter

A SMOOTH SWINDLER.

West End Ladies Touched for Dollars by a Stranger

From the Daily of Monday.

A clever swindle was worked among the women of the west end of Decatur last week. The success of the scheme was proof of the theory that success in any line in life depends on the efforts of the individual The story told was an old one and the method of attack the same in each case A man representing himself as the agent of a lightning rod company called at several of the more pretentious homes and informed the owners that their lightning rods were out of repair and that he was sent by the company to fix them He took especial care to make his visits when the head of the house was out, generally calling about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At least five or six of the residents of West Macon street and vicinity allowed the supposed repairs to be made and paid the sum demanded for the work. In no case was the amount collected for the work less than $1 and in many instances $2 and even $4 were collected.

Mrs. S. M. Roberts an old resident of Champaign died Tuesday at her new home near Jackson, Miss

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Lord Sackville West did not rhyme with home, but Dupuy De Lome does.

Woodford may be recalled, but the relations of the battleships to Spain will not be broken off.

Dupuy de Lome has no doubt written many other letters of the same character which were not made public.

Blanco's bribery tour has not proved a success for the simple reason that it requires two to make a bargain.

In the interest of correct chronology it will be well to remember that De Lome got in his letter before Senator Mason got in his speech.

Senator Hale's characterization of the autonomy offered by Spain to Cuba as the most liberal ever conceded to any colony has been pretty well knocked out by the exposure in the De Lome letter.

With the farm products advancing and the value of farm animals increased $150,000,000 in the past year, the silver orators are going to have difficulty in their campaign among the farmers this fall.

According to the gospel as recorded in the Decatur Review State's Attorney Mills is on trial instead of Joe Mauzy, but it's dollars to doughnuts that that ground hog didn't see his shadow when he thought he did.

One reason for the rapid growth of protection in the south is found in the recent statements which show that the cotton spindles of that section have increased from 600,000 in 1880 to over 1,000,000 in 1898, while those of the north have increased but slightly meantime.

Some Democratic congressmen suggest following De Lome out of the bay with a tin horn and cow-bell brigade. If that would not impress De Lome that there is punishment after death nothing would. The Republican recollects the Democratic tin horn, tin can and tin rooster brigade after the election in 1892

What has become of the "report" of those silver missionaries who went to Japan seven or eight months ago to either induce the benighted statesmen of that country to return to the silver standard or bring back information as to the horrible schemes by which the gold standard was forced upon them?

De Lome insists that the letter in question did not reach its destination but was stolen in transit. He don't like to admit that there is any Cuban sympathizer in Havana shrewd enough to steal from a set of diplomatic liars or else he shrinks from an admission that there is any one in Cuba who is not shouting for autonomy.

Bank clearings, that accurate barometer of business conditions, were 48 per cent greater in January, 1898, than in January, 1894, and nearly 84 per cent greater than in January, 1897. Does this look as though there had been no improvement in business conditions since the election of President McKinley?

General Woodford, the American representative in Spain, is constantly guarded by Spanish soldiers to prevent bodily harm being done him. This is significant when taken in connection with the fact that the American battleships are in no danger of injury as the result of Spanish hatred and need no guards. Moral—the most convenient power to use in treating with Spain is a battleship.

Clinton (Ia.) Herald: Those who were so happy not long since because they attributed the deficits to the result of the conditions under the first few months under the Dingley law are saying nothing about that December surplus of nearly two million dollars Nor are they calling attention to the fact that the receipts under the new law have increased 60 per cent in five months' operation

Minister De Lome in his letters speaks of President McKinley being weak and catering to the rabble, meaning the American people If the United States once undertakes to discipline Spain De Lome will discover that the American rabble having something to say about the government knows how to fulfill the measure of its responsibility in front of an enemy.

The government cannot afford to waste much time on the proposition to require Spain to renounce all sympathy with the spirit of De Lome's letter. Having caught a thief with the stuff he stole it is not considered quite the thing to ask him to renounce all sympathy with stealing on condition that he will not be prosecuted. Being a thief he would be swift with his renunciation and would steal again until he was caught.

Mr. Teller and his associates are shouting that it is the capitalists who are against their proposition to pay United States bonds in silver It does look as though the "capitalists" who deposited their money in savings banks were at least in that way of thinking, for the savings banks of the states which voted against the resolution have $900,000,000 on deposits, while those of the states which voted for it have but $300,000,000.

The gold standard is making rapid headway among the Central and South American Republics. As is well known, several of these countries have within the past two years discarded the silver standard, and there are prospects of additions to this number in the near future. This change in the money standard has had a marked effect in establishing gold producing industries in that part of the world in the increase in the quantity of gold produced and in the number of gold mines developed during the past two years.

Problem for Popocrats.

How are the free silver advocates going to patch up their arguments of 1896 to make them consistent with present conditions? They assured the farmers at that time that prices could not advance without an increase in the currency through the free coinage of silver. Free coinage was not adopted, yet practically all farm products have advanced. Their frequent assertion in attempting to account for the improved conditions of the agriculturalists has been that it is due solely to the fact that there is an extraordinary demand abroad for American wheat by reason of shortage in foreign crops. In this they ignore the fact that practically every article produced by the farmer has advanced meantime. Wool, for instance, which was worth 16 cents a pound when Mr Bryan was nominated, is now worth 29 cents. Potatoes have more than doubled in price. Beef, which on July 1, 1896, was worth $8.10 per barrel in New York markets, is now worth $10,00; mess pork has advanced from $8.25 to $8 75. Beef carcasses in Chicago, which were worth 5½ cents when Mr. Bryan obtruded his borrowed crown of thorns and cross of gold upon the unsuspecting Chicago convention, are now worth 7 cents in the same market, and hogs, which were then worth 3¾ cents, are now worth 5¾ cents. Horses, which then averaged in the Chicago markets, $65.00, are now quoted at $80 00. Beeves on foot per hundred were then $3 65, now $5. 20; sheep then $4 00, now $4.50; flour, which was then $3.25, is now $4.35; rye has advanced from 37½ at that time to 55 cents; barley from 30 cents to 42 cents per bushel; oats from 21½ to 28¼ cents; beans from $1.25 to $1 40 per bushel; onions from $1.50 at that time to $2.50 per bushel; bacon from 4¾ to 5 cents in Chicago markets; lard from 4 1-5 at that date to 5 cents on January 1, 1898, dried hides from 17 to 20 cents; flax from $4.25 to $5 25, hops from 7 cents per pound to 16 cents; tobacco from 11 to 15½ cents per pound. And so on through the list, scarcely a single article of farm produce having failed to make a material advance. It will be well for the silver orators to examine into this subject before they attempt to make further use of their arguments which were so effective in the campaign in 1896.

The Coming Campaign.

Congressman Boutelle of Chicago, who was elected to succeed Ed C. Cook, who died, has been renominated by his district. This is the first nomination made for congress in the United States. It was an early convention but it reminds us that we are at the threshold of another campaign which is national in the sense that a new house of representatives in congress will be chosen next November and that legislatures will be elected in the states that elect United States senators to be seated March 4, 1899. One-third of the senate will be elected by these legislatures and the result of the election this fall will determine what the political complexion of the senate will be after that date. It will be seen that the election will be an important one.

The present congress is in favor of a protective tariff and prosperity in this country, because it is a Republican congress It framed and passed the Dingley tariff bill which has already, in its effects, put more than two million idle men to work, men who were made idle as the result of the low tariff policy of the Cleveland administration If the people of this district want to return to the low tariff policy which they repudiated in this congressional district in 1894 and again in 1896, they will vote for Mr. Caldwell for congress, or the Democratic nominee whoever he may be, and vote against the Republican nominee for congress whoever he may be This is a Democratic district, supposed to be at least, but the people elected a Republican in both the years above named. There is better reason for electing a Republican this year than in these two years, because it has been demonstrated that a Republican in congress votes in the interest of this district and this country instead of in the interest of the district of Birmingham or Sheffield in England. The same is true in every congressional district in the land which is now represented by a Republican.

Of course the Democratic leaders, having made a mess of the tariff question as the result of the election of 1892, will not come before the country pleading again for votes to remove "unnecessary tariff taxes." They dare not do it but they will come with some other issue equally as delusive. In 1896 they raised the issue of free silver and appealed to the prejudices of the people. It was the only thing they could do to prevent being swept off the earth. They will probably come again this year with the same offensive skeleton declaring it clothed in the most healthy flesh with the blood of prosperity coursing through its veins; but it is a delusion, just the same, fraught with more sorrow for the wage earner and the business man, than the low tariff issue. The same performers who deceived workingmen in 1892 on the tariff will be the chief exhibitors in the tents of the free silver humbug. The people should remember them and defeat them as they did in 1894 and 1896. They cannot be trusted.

Let De Lome Go Home.

The De Lome letter, which is now conceded to be genuine, discloses to those who heretofore have thought the Cubans should accept the apparent liberal autonomy offered by Spain to Cuba, why the Cuban patriots have refused the proffered autonomy and the bribes offered by the Spaniards. The Cubans know Spain to be dishonest and that it will not keep its agreement, and that the offer of autonomy is only a scheme to induce those in rebellion in Cuba to lay down their arms, after which Spain would do as is pleased about keeping its pledges as to autonomy. Spain deceived the Cubans in the settlement of the war of 1868 and were they to permit Spain to deceive them again they would become the laughing stock of the world. The Cubans know what Spanish statesmanship is and will not again accept as honest any proposition Spain may make and Americans say amen to that.

Those Americans who have placed confidence in the integrity of Spain in relation to autonomy can now see in the De Lome letter how Spain succeeded in deceiving them, and, hereafter no American citizen who has regard for his standing among the people of the United States can afford to permit himself to be governed by anything Spanish diplomats may say. In an emergency like this it is simply a species of jugglery.

President McKinley has treated Spain courteously and has demanded nothing that was not suggested by common humanity and pure patriotism. He has caused Spain to release every American citizen it had imprisoned. Spain had no right to keep them in prison without a speedy trial. He has caused the removal of Weyler. Weyler was a brute and unfit to command an army in this day of civilization. He has caused Spain to offer terms to the Cubans. They have rights they are entitled to He has caused the battleships of the United States to appear in Cuban harbors. American warships have the same rights in Cuban waters that the ships of any other nation have. He has caused relief to be distributed to the starving subjects of Spain in Cuba Spain never should have permitted Weyler to enter upon a war of extermination upon women and children. Therefore, it is clear the president has demanded nothing of Spain which was not proper, humane and patriotic. As a reward for all this, while Minister De Lome was fawning at the feet of the president he secretly writes a brutal letter in which he shamelessly tells of Spanish duplicity with the president and exploits Spanish deception as a virtue; and, not satisfied with this, he speaks of the president as weak and disposed to listen to the rabble (the American people) as a thing to be condemned. This should end the chapter of letter writing with Spain. What is needed to be done in the Cuban affair, and that which 90 out of every 100 Americans want done, is to begin writing illustrious American history with battleships and with cannon. Before the week ends Spain should be told what the United States wants as to Cuba and proceed to carry it out. That will rid the country of De Lome without any red tape or waste of ink as to his indiscretion for he will at once sever his relations with this country. This country, under present conditions does not need De Lome or any other representative of Spain here until the war in Cuba is ended and another Republic is born.

Carrying the War Into Africa.

American Economist: Fresh cause for worry on the part of English ironmasters is found in the following from a recent issue of the London Financial News:

In steel and iron America is already a keen competitor with our home manufacturers. Now we are told that an American syndicate, holding £2,000,000 capital, is going to purchase the whole of Dowlais and Cardiff. Dowlais steel works, with the collieries owned by the Wimborne family. That is carrying the war into the enemy's country with a vengeance. The syndicate will develop the works "on lines which will reduce the close of production to that which obtains in America."

Ryland's Iron Trade Circular of January 8 gives full particulars of the rumored purchase of the Welsh works, but expresses doubt of the acceptance by Lord Wimborne of so small a sum as $10,000,000 for his interest in the two plants. In the same issue Ryland's says:

The American iron and steel makers appear determined to build for themselves an export business, and are facing the British manufacturers in all their markets. We now hear of a consignment of nearly 2000 tons of steel rails for Calcutta, and a consignment of 5000 tons of Alabama iron dispatched from Pensacola to Kobe and Yokohama, Japan. Not only are they sending iron into some of our best markets, but are supplying the merchants and manufacturers of the United Kingdom with large quantities of iron and steel. It is believed that this year over 70,000 tons of pig iron will have been sent from the United States into this country. It is not so many years since we were exporting crude iron largely to the United States; but that country now meets all its own requirements, and is able to send a little to us.

Primary Election Law.

The primary election bill has been passed by the legislature and has been signed by the governor. It becomes operative in Chicago at once, but the other counties of the state can only adopt it by a majority vote at a general election, after petitioning the county judge to submit it adoption to a vote of the people. The Republicans of Macon county should adopt the law at the coming fall election and petitions to the county court should soon be put in circulation as 1000 names are necessary to the petition. While the law cannot be enforced until adopted the county committee can adopt the provisions of the law in holding the primaries. The only difference there would be is that the penalties of the law could not be enforced until properly adopted. The object of the law is to secure fair primaries and give every elector in a party an opportunity to help make the party ticket without interference from any other party or tricksters within is own party. The law is a fairly good one, is in the right direction and should be accepted in good with by both political parties.

Subsidies and Exports.

The American Economist: The daily papers of last week contained a dispatch form Berlin saying that a bill increasing the North German Lloyd's subsidy by 1,500,000 marks for 15 years had been approved by the Bundesrath and was going to the Reichstag on the morrow. This proposed increase is on condition that the North German Lloyd increases its monthly sailings for East Indian ports to a fortnightly service.

Somewhat over a year ago the German minister for the interior declared for this increase, saying: "There was every justification for protecting German enterprise by increased subsidies." And "Engineering," the great paper representing the British iron trade and dependent industries, writing at that time of the German trade with India, said: In 1868 the total value of goods exported by Germany was £750,000, in 1895 the value was £7,000,000."

Germany is now paying $1,986,400 in subsidies annually and the proposed addition of 1,500,000 marks will increase the subsidies to about $2,400,000, and she thinks this large annual payment justifiable by the increased exports. England is now paying, or was two years ago, $2,210,464 in subsidies and finds it profitable.

It is not necessary to say, however, that both Germany and England disapprove of our paying any subsidies, or taking any other method of increasing our exports.

THE KANSAS PACIFIC.

No Desire for Postponement of Sale—Government Claim Secured.

St. Louis, Feb. 12.—No application was made today to Judge Sanborn of the United States court, for a postponement of the sale of the Kansas Pacific. An agreement has been reached between the government and the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific whereby the amount due the government will be paid.

Later—Attorneys for the government and the re-organization committee appeared in court today and announced that an agreement had been reached. The sale will therefore take place as advertised and the committee will bid the full amount of the principal of the indebtedness to the government.

SUICIDE OF AN OFFICER.

Failure to Obtain Confirmation Causes the Rash Act.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb 13.—Henry Kline chief of police at McKeesport, Pa, committed suicide today by shooting himself. Mayor Carothers appointed him a few months ago, but the council refused to confirm the appointment and rejected a claim of $700 for services. He left a note assigning this as a reason for the deed.

Another body was recovered from the debris this afternoon, making the total dead recovered 18.

Three Killed.

Ironwood, Mich., Feb 13.—Peter Biazza, Emanuel Naimo and Michael Zadia were killed today at the Newport mine by the explosion of giant powder.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Supreme Judge Dead.

St. Louis, Feb. 13.—Justice George B McFarlane of the state supreme court died this morning as the result of an operation for appendicitis.

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by coughing is requested to call on H. W. Bell or N. L Krone and get a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar, which always gives relief.

Our Navy.

Lisbon, Feb. 13.—The United States cruiser San Francisco and gunboat Bancroft have arrived here, to join the gunboat Helena.

Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell N. L. Krone.

C. C. McKellar of Mt. Pulaski, has opened a cigar factory in Delavan.

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O.N. Marston of the vitality of Hoopeston, has bought of Ambrose Swaim his town residence for $2000 and will move to Hoopeston next week

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Miss Annie Sim, the invalid daughter of J. W. Sim of Urbana died Tuesday very unexpectedly.

There is No ? About It.

No question indeed with those who have used it, but that Foley's Kidney Cure, is absolutely reliable for all Kidney and Bladder diseases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

George Pfaus of Elm Grove township Tazewell county, has bought 90 acres of land in that township of J Bishop for $6000.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mrs. S. M. Roberts an old resident of Champaign died Tuesday at her new home near Jackson, Miss.

John Fitzgerald of Pekin has moved into the dwelling he recently purchased and remodeled at Delavan.

DECATUR CAPITAL

Will Probably be Invested in New Match Factory

IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS

The Factory Will be Opened—Machinery is Yot to be Made—Those Interested Will Visit Decatur Soon.

From the Daily of Friday.

The branch factory of the American Consolidated Match company which is to be established in this city, will probably be started in about three months. It will take that length of time to prepare the machinery and have it set up F. M. Young, who is to be the local manager, received a letter yesterday from New York notifying him of the election of the officers of the company. Mr. Eaton of New York was elected president and E. H Brooks of New York was chosen as general manager The company will have a number of factories in different parts of the country and the one which is to be located in Decatur will be one of the largest The territory which will be alloted to the Decatur factory will probably reach from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Kansas City, Mo Mr Young in speaking of the matter said that it would take some time to get the factory in running order. The machinery is yet to be made and this will probably take two months and another month will be required to put the machinery in place The factory is to be established in the building built by the Young Bros. and Marls wholesale grocery company.

F. M. Young is the only Decatur man now interested in the company, but there are a number of other Decatur men and several from Chicago who are investigating the matter with the view of buying stock and it is probable that Decatur will be well represented among the stockholders. Some of the business men from Pittsburg, Pa., who are interested in the company are expected here in a few weeks to perfect the arrangements of establishing the company

There are three little things which do more work than any other three little things created—they are the ant, the bee and DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the last being the famous little pills for stomach and liver troubles. H. W. Bell, N L. Krone.

Mrs. Bessie Freeman, while serving a sentence in the Champaign city jail, took morphine Tuesday with suicidal intent, but recovered from the effects after a night of agony.

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Pres. M'Kinley Expects to Hear from Spain.

POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION

Minister Woodford's Full Report Will Serve to Shape Affairs at Washington—De Lome will Go Back Home

Washington, Feb. 12—The policy of the administration concerning the De Lome incident can be stated briefly and definitely as follows: The president is awaiting the full report of United States Minister Woodford, who, in his brief report already made, stated that fuller details would be forwarded. As far as the personal allusions by the late minister to the president is concerned the incident is closed. No demand has been, or will be, made, according to present indications, for a disavowal of them, though should it be made it would be regarded as a graceful act. But the inferences in the letter which brings in question Spain's good faith on questions of reciprocity and inferentially autonomy for Cuba, if not disavowed voluntarily, may become a subject of further diplomatic correspondence.

DIPLOMATS CONDEMN HIM.

De Lome's Slur at the President an Unpardonable Offense.

Washington, Feb 13—Dupuy de Lome was a favorite with the diplomatic corps, but his letter is not defended. It is the opinion of many members of the corps that the offense was sufficient to have destroyed the usefulness of any diplomatist. One of them put it in his way:

"To criticise or condemn the political and personal motives or assail the personal character of the head of a friendly nation to which he is accredited as an envoy is one of the most unpardonable sins a diplomat can commit. But to hold the chief magistrate of a great country up to contempt, even in a private correspondence, is to invite, on discovery, the swift and the severest public retribution. Nothing could be more injurious and unpardonable than the sentence in which President McKinley's official and personal dignity was assailed in the Canalejas letter. Senor de Lome thought, doubtless, that only the distant future would reveal his personal opinions when he wrote of an American president:

"Besides the natural and inevitable coarseness with which he repeats all that the press and public opinion of Spain have said of Weyler, it shows once more what McKinley is—weak and catering to the rabble, and, besides, a low politician, who desires to leave a door open to me, and to stand well with the jingoes of his party."

"From a diplomatic point of view, no more egregious professional blunder than the Spanish minister's comment on the message of December has been committed at this capital for generations. Beside it the offenses of ministers like Sackville-West shrink to the dimensions of personal peccadilloes of the most harmless sort."

COL. F. W. HATCH.

An Assumption Citizen Returns from a Trip to Cuba.

Assumption, Ill, Feb 12—Colonel F W Hatch of this place has just returned from a trip through Cuba, to satisfy himself of the condition of affairs on the island. His trip led him through all the provinces, his only companion being a colored guide.

While in the east he met General Calixto Garcia and had an interview with him. He also met several other prominent Cuban leaders. His most dangerous undertaking was the crossing of the trocha established by General Weyler. He brought home a small piece of broken tile, which he picked up on the western trocha as a relic. He saw several settlements of Cubans herded together by Spanish soldiers, the poor wretches dying by the score of starvation.

Colonel Hatch says he saw goods that had been contributed by the people of this country for the relief of the starving Cubans appropriated to the use of the Spanish army.

Many were the sorrowful stories of blighted homes that came to his notice and crimes too horrible to mention. He and his companion fell under suspicion twice and escaped only by defending themselves with their rifles. They were pursued for two days and nights by Spanish cavalry and several bullets were fired at them. Both had bullet holes shot through their clothing.

Referring to the condition of things as they appeared to him Colonel Hatch says the insurgent army is after three years of war well drilled, well armed and capable of carrying on the war indefinitely and that the rebels are becoming stronger as the war continues.

On the other hand he declares General Blanco's late move to bribe the insurgent officers has greatly weakened his cause even among the friends of autonomy and in fact, with some of the officers of his own army and its tendency has been to rekindle the fires of patriotism and fraternal love in the heart of every true Cuban.

Three years of sanguinary strife, he says has depopulated large districts of the country and left them in ruins.

The colonel belonged to a company of sharpshooters during the civil war, and his guide was also a good shot, which helped them to make their trip more successfully.

BAD FOR FAIRMOUNT.

Wabash Officials Having Trouble With People of the Town.

Danville, Ill, Feb. 19.—The Wabash Railroad company has virtually wiped out the station at Fairmount. The depot is nailed up. The telegraph instruments were taken out and the services of the agent dispensed with. Only one train a day stops in the town, which has about 1000 inhabitants. The right of way has all been fenced in and the elevators and other buildings on the right of way have been ordered removed. The depot, it is said, will be moved two miles east, where the railroad expects to build up another station. The trouble commenced a year ago, when the Wabash company, through some legal informality, escaped paying the taxes assessed against it. The train service was also claimed to be very poor for Fairmount. The village authorities, to get even, insisted on a strict enforcement of the ordinance limiting the speed of fast trains through the village.

Lynching Investigation.

Osgood, Ind, Feb 12.—The Ripley county grand jury has been in session several days, and scores of witnesses have been examined, but no evidence upon which to base indictments has been presented against the Versailles mob. J E Smith, Governor Mount's detective, who has been in the machinery business here, has testified before the grand jury, but it is said he has unearthed nothing. Attorney General Ketcham did not remain over night, and it is reported that he said to an army friend at Versailles that nothing could be done. Judge New has issued the decree that Ripley county will not pay any state's attorney's fees and McMullen and McMullen have not as yet appeared upon the scene.

STAND BY MASON

Action of the Republican League at Columbus.

TRAGEDY AT GATE CITY, VA.

Young Woman Shoots Her Lover—Guatemala's New Cabinet Officially Announced at Last—General News.

Columbus, Ohio, Feb 12.—The Ohio Republican League held its annual convention here yesterday and celebrated Lincoln day with a banquet, at which the following telegram from President McKinley was read:

"Executive Mansion, Washington, February 11. Hon John J. Sullivan, President Ohio Republican League.—Nothing can be more inspiring to the Republicans and the people of the country than the life work of Abraham Lincoln, whose birthday your members celebrate today. Keeping close to his teachings and example, the nation's peace and progress will be assured. My greetings and congratulations to the Ohio Republican League.

"WILLIAM M'KINLEY."

In the convention the report of the resolutions committee indorsed the Mason Cuban resolution and demanded the independence of the Cubans, and also indorsed Governor Bushnell and his administration and the trust investigation. A S Bickham offered a substitute which omitted the reference to the Cuban matter and added greetings to President McKinley. The convention sent the report, with the substitute, back to the committee. Later the committee reported it back exactly as it was except that greetings and expressions of confidence to the president and Senators Hanna and Foraker were added. Mr Bickham renewed his opposition to the Cuban clause, but he was voted down and the resolutions were adopted.

Guatemala's Cabinet.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Feb 12—The following is the new cabinet: Antonio Barrios, minister of public works, Anguiano, minister of foreign affairs, Domingo Morales, minister of instruction, Rafael Salazar, minister of finance, General Salvador Toledo, minister of war.

A Love Tragedy.

Gate City, Va, Feb 12—Miss Mollie Vincent today shot her lover, Taylor Wyatt and then committed suicide. They lived in the Moccasin Valley.

Echoes of the Pittsburg Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa, Feb 12—Two more bodies, those of William Fluith of the fire department and George Newman, gas inspector, were taken from the ruins of the Wednesday night fire this morning. This makes 14 so far recovered. Thirty five are still missing. Two hundred more men were put to work this morning clearing away the debris. Eight victims were buried today. The remainder will be interred tomorrow.

Four more bodies were taken out of the ruins at noon. Three were identified as those of W F Doran, David B Weekly and Professor James Mohn.

No Room for Doubt.

Proof vs overwhelming proof can be furnished of the excellent curative qualities of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. "I caught a cold which led to a cough and pain in the chest. (pneumonia?) I bought Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, and after taking one bottle of it, the cough began to disappear; when I finished taking the second bottle I was cured. Gustav Thurmaster, 49 Hickory St., Cleveland, O." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup costs but 25 cents. Take only Bull's.

DINGLEY'S BILL

Tariff Law Steadily Swelling Government Funds

DAILY AVERAGE, $1,057,892

At This Rate the Year's Total Income Would be Over $386,000,000—More Than Year's Expenses.

Washington, Feb 11.—Treasury officers are delighted with the returns now coming in from the Dingley bill. For the last 10 days the total receipts have averaged $1,057,892 daily. This rate, kept up for the year, would amount to over $386,000,000, which is some $36,000,000 more than the average expenditure of the government.

Still more striking are the receipts from customs, which have averaged $584,306. This will, if continued, make the customs revenues over $16,000,000 for the month, more than any February since the McKinley bill was revoked. Moreover, there were but four months in the whole history of the Wilson law when the receipts from customs exceeded this figure, and all but one of these were in the closing days of the law last summer, when everybody was trying to get their goods in at the lower figures before the Dingley duties became operative.

Other cheering figures are drawn from the preliminary figures on exports and imports for January, given out by the treasury department today. The complete figures will not be collated for some two weeks yet but the following are accurate so far as they go:

	January 1898	January, 1897
Breadstuffs	$24,771,160	$17,848,755
Cotton (raw and manufactured	27,024,378	30,179,241
Mineral oils	5,089,811	5,090,484
Provisions, includ meats	13,351,561	10,810,133

That is to say, the exports under the Dingley law, which, according to the free traders, was to bring down upon this country vengeance and retaliation and exclusion of American products from foreign countries, has actually increased the exports in these four articles by some $7,000,000 in one month alone. Only cotton shows a decrease.

Paris, Feb 11—In the Zola trial General Pellieux testified that General Zaurlinden, former military governor of Paris, desired a public trial for Major Esterhazy, but General Billot, minister of war, ordered that the trial be secret. As General Pellieux was leaving the stand, Zola exclaimed: "There are several ways of serving France. You, general, made your campaigns, I will bequeath to posterity the name of Emile Zola. Posterity is to be my judge."

Colonel Picquart was called. He narrated how he had acquired fragments of a telegraphic card in 1896 and concluded therefrom that Esterhazy was corresponding with suspicious characters. He procured some of Esterhazy's handwriting which, compared with certain documents, led to the conclusion that Esterhazy was improperly using official papers.

ALL SAVED AT SEA

Over 200 People Taken Off the Steamer Veendam

ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

Ship Wrecked and Burned—The Zola Trial—Great Uproar in Court—Guards Increased to Preserve Order.

New York, Feb 12—The American line steamer St Louis arrived this morning from Southampton, having on board the passengers and crew (213 souls) of the Holland America line steamer Veendam, from Rotterdam for New York. The story told by Captain Stenger of the Veendam is to the effect that shortly after 8 o'clock on the evening of February 6, three days out from Rotterdam the vessel struck a submerged wreck, tearing a hole in the ship's bottom toward the stern and breaking the propeller shaft. All pumps were at once set to work but the water gained headway and the vessel began gradually to sink by the stern. Boats were lowered in readiness to leave the ship when it should become necessary. This continued till 1 30 a. m, when the St. Louis hove in sight and in response to signals, stood by, lowered boats and with the assistance of the Veendam's boats took off all on board, ending about 6 a m. As the Veendam was doomed and it would be a dangerous obstruction to navigation, she was set on fire. The Veendam was formerly a White Star liner Baltic 4000 gross tons, built in 1871 and 418 feet long.

Zola.

Paris, Feb 12—There were the usual crowds and demonstrations today at the trial of Zola. Guards around the court were increased to four companies.

Colonel Picquart, recalled, said he believed that General Pellieux had not thought it incumbent upon him to order the bordeau submitted to an expert examination for the purpose of the Esterhazy trial. Major Ravary, doubtless unwittingly, took the same course and founded his judgment on the incomplete and inadequate documents. Henry followed Picquart on the stand. During the examination, he and Picquart got into an altercation, during which Henry said: "I aver that Colonel Picquart lied in this matter." A great uproar followed. Picquart addressed the jury, saying that he was being accused and persecuted because he wanted to see justice done.

Henry declared that the document containing the words "that scoundrel D——" had no connection with Dreyfus. He had never seen the real Dreyfus papers. Demarges, counsel for Dreyfus in the court martial proceedings, said the attitude of Scheurer-Kestner and the denunciation of Esterhazy by Matthieu Dreyfus, caused him deep emotion, because he saw in them the possibility of a revision of the case. He explained the reasons which forbade him to apply for a re-hearing. One of the members of the court martial had said a secret document had been communicated. Members of the court martial and himself had photographs of the bordeau, which were taken away at the close of the trial. To prevent a demonstration, four squadrons of cavalry were stationed at convenient points.

T. P. A. NIGHT

Great Show by the Decatur Traveling Men.

IT WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY

Performance a Pronounced Success—Everybody Did Well—Proceeds to be Used for the State Convention Soon to be Held.

From the Daily of Saturday

The Grand opera house was crowded to the doors last night, people streaming to the hall from all parts of the city to witness the home minstrel entertainment given by the Decatur Traveling Men for the purpose of raising in part funds to be used for the proper entertainment of 200 to 300 traveling men who will attend the state convention which will be held in Decatur in the spring. The patronage was most generous, for everybody appreciate the fact that to a great extent it is the T. P. A. that helps to make the wheels of commerce go round, and besides they are all jolly good fellows. When the curtain went up there were 40 burnt cork artists on the stage and then the fun began, with this generous bill:

PART I.

Interlocutor—J. D. Templeton

Tambourines—Messrs. Leiby, Barney, Sievers and King

Bones—Messrs McConnell, Freeman, Bixby and Hupp.

Overture, introducing the famous Zenda waltz. Song—Prof. Walter's Orchestra and Company

"The Baby in the Basket"—Ben Freeman

"Oh, Susie, dis chile has got de Blues"—George Barney

The Turnkey Song (from Robin Hood)—Troy Alexander.

"Enjoy Yourselves" (in character)—Al Freeman

Second Edition of the End Men, introducing Walter Moore and Arthur Gillespie

"Hanah Thompson" (in character)—Walter Moore

"That Dear Old Song"—John Patin.

"Sadie, My Lady" (introducing the phenomenal boy soprano)—Joe Stout.

"Aint yer Comin' Roun' to See Me Any More?" words by Earle Remington sung in character by the author)—Arthur Gillespie

I Love You in the Same Old Way—R W Chilson

The Finale

Baton Juggling—Moore and Draper

T P A March Song—Arthur Gillespie, Messrs McConell, Leiby, Bixby, King, Sievers, Hup, Barney, Myers and Allen.

PART II

The T. P. A Quartet—C N Brown, R W Chilson, Troy Alexander, Charles Hoy.

Mr Samuel Siegel, the world's greatest mandolin virtuoso, assisted by the popular Decatur Mandolin Club, Messrs Chic Freeman, Lion Radcliff, Byron Bramble, Roy Wilson, Bob Vail, Ben Freeman

College Hill Two step—Chic Freeman

(a) "Don't Let Her Lose Her Way", (b) "Won't You Be My Little Girl?"—Mr Jack Myers

Mr Alfred Tetu, the eminent recitationist

Otto Weaver, celebrated contortionist;

Mr Charles Faunce the refined Irish character comedian, introducing songs and fancy and trick dancing

Walter Wilson and Bert Leighton, in fancy buck and wing dancing, supported by the famous Central City Juvenile Quartet—Messrs Hill, McIntyre, Leighton and McGuire.

The entertainment passed off smoothly under the direction of Arthur Gillespie, the general manager and President McConnell, who looked after the business details, the latter at the close taking occasion to thank the public for their liberal patronage.

The songs won for the vocalists hearty encores and tributes of flowers and products of the garden the latter being presented as grim jokes. Allerton Freeman, as usual, scored a hit. He sang in character, "Enjoy Yourselves," introducing for encore numbers references to Mayor Taylor and the aldermen which took well. Mr Gillespie's work was also of an excellent character and won for him merited applause. Joe Stout, the boy soprano, caught the audience, and was called back repeatedly. Later he sang a pleasing duet with Mr. Gillespie, and Pickaninny Caldwell, the infant cake walker, came in for his share of glory. The songs by Troy Alexander, John Patin, George Barney, Jack Myers, Walter Moore, R. W. Chilson and Ben Freeman were all right, and all of the special features of the entertainment were enthusiastically received. Mr Siegel is a marvel with the mandolin. Otto Weaver was not on the bill, because it was not known that his services could be secured until after the programs were printed. He does a very pleasing act.

Mr Tetu, the elocutionist, favored the audience with a number of finished recitations. Mr. Tetu is an official of the Bell Telephone company, and is a gifted artist. William Moore and Bert Draper did some very clever work in baton juggling. Especially Moore, who closed the act by juggling two batons. They were encored a number of times. The plantation dancing act closed the performance.

In the first part the jokes of the end men kept Mr Templeton and the audience guessing, while everybody laughed at the witticisms and local hits. Will Leiby, Arthur Gillespie, George Barney, Allerton Freeman, Walter Moore and Joe Bixby were strictly in it all through the piece.

PERSONAL.

From the Daily of Saturday

—Rev Pierce of Latham was in the city today

—Frank Boone of West Eldorado street is ill.

—Miss Ella Weaver of West Prairie street is ill

—Thomas Wheeler and son of Oakley are in the city

—David Born of Lintner was in the city on business today.

—M. Gates of Champaign is the guest of Miss Delle McCann

—Mrs James Sanders of Wabash avenue is seriously ill

—Miss Kate Edmunds of Maroa is the guest of Dr. and Mrs E. A Morgan

—Miss Kate Sherrick is the guest of Miss Julia Criswell at Normal

—Miss Hattie Rosette of Indianapolis, Ind, is in the city visiting friends.

—Mrs Frank Tomlinson of Lincoln is the guest of friends in the city.

—Miss Ida Knapp of Niantic was the guest of Decatur friends today

—H R Matlock of Indiana is seriously ill of tonsilitis at St Mary's hospital

—Born, at 5 a m, February 12, to Mr. and Mrs S M Lutz, a daughter

—Mrs William Gushard will leave on next Tuesday for an extended visit with her parents at Topeka, Kan.

—Mrs. V Camp of Bement and Mrs. Mallery of Elwin shopped in the city today

—L. Dague of Danville, Ill., will spend Sunday with his family at the Electro Sanitarium.

—Mrs. Conrad Young of St Charles is the guest of her grand daughter, Mrs Joseph Grass of West Macon street.

—Mrs. Charles Bowyer and Mrs H D Bowyer and children are visiting with the family of Rev David Howe and other friends at Springfield.

—Joseph Lapham, manager of the Frank S. Cole Shoe company, has returned from a month's stay at Peru, N Y.

—Born, to Mr and Mrs A. M. Sinclair of 575 North Monroe street, February 11, a daughter. Mrs Sinclair was formerly Miss Effie Milburn.

—A A. McDaniels, Charley Elder and Tom King of Elwin were in the city last evening to attend the minstrels of the T. P A

—Rev and Mrs Luttenberger of Dorchester visited in the city today, en route to Bement, where Rev Luttenberger will hold a series of meetings

—Bart Anderson and Pasco Johnson of Taylorville attended the T P A minstrels last night and will visit with Decatur friends over Sunday.

—Manse Parke left this morning for Spokane, Wash, where he will take a position with the city fire department. Parke formerly served on the local police force

—Dr James Henderson, a former citizen of Decatur, has received an appointment as cattle inspector at Edinburg, Scotland. Edinburg is the doctor's old home and he will leave at once to take charge of his new duties.

—Miss Anna Strohm and guest Miss Jane Temple of St Louis, and Messrs Edward Strohm and Edwin Haines will go to Macon tonight as members of a house party to be entertained over Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs C H. Turner of that place.

DEATH BY STARVATION.

Man and Wife Found in Chicago—One Dead, the Other Dying.

Chicago, Feb 12—Mrs Carolina Lang, aged 83, died at the county hospital last night of starvation and her husband, Cornelius Lang, aged 75, is the same in institution dying slowly from the same cause. Lang was a tailor and when he lost his job some time ago he and his wife became destitute. For a time the neighbors supported them, but finally they were left alone. When the police found them they had been three days without food and a week without fire. Lang was found lying on the floor near the door. He started to crawl to the door to bring aid for his wife, but had fainted from weakness. Neither of them were able to talk when found.

Mrs Lang died within a few hours after being taken to the hospital and the husband cannot live.

The three year old daughter of Andrew Daugherty of Mt Pulaski, ate concentrated lye Wednesday night and at last report was in a dying condition.

GIVE THE CHILDREN A DRINK

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SENT UP FOR LIFE

Close of the Trial of Luetgert, Sausagemaker.

HE WILL BE TAKEN TO JOLIET

And Will Stay in Prison Until Death for the Murder of His Wife—Scene in the Court Room.

Chicago, Feb 10—Adolph L Luetgert is guilty of the murder of his wife, Louise Luetgert. His punishment is fixed at imprisonment in the penitentiary for the term of his natural life. This was the verdict brought in shortly after 11 o clock last night by the jury which has for three months listened to the evidence in his case. It took the jury a little over six hours to arrive at a decision. This was not all spent in argument as to his guilt or innocence as this was early established. It was the punishment to be meted out to the sausagemaker which occupied the time of the jury. There were several of the jurors who were firmly in favor of the death penalty. Others insisted, however, that imprisonment for life be the verdict. That a repetition of the "no verdict" of the previous trial might be avoided the compromise was agreed to.

Luetgert laughed when the verdict was read by the clerk of the court.

Attorney Harmon looked blankly around and seemed to be oppressed by the disaster which had overtaken his client. In a moment he recovered himself and, arising, seized the hand of Luetgert. His grasp was only feebly returned.

In a few minutes Judge Gary had concluded the court ceremonies. He thanked the jurors for their patience during the three long and weary months and then dismissed them to their homes.

Two brawny sheriffs then tapped Luetgert on the arm and he was led away to the county jail, where he will be kept until his transfer to the penitentiary.

It is expected that the defense will make a strong fight for a new trial.

DEATH ON THE GALLOWS.

Legal Execution of James Mingle at the State Capital.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.—James Mingle, the murderer of Dollie Briscoe's infant child, accompanied by an attempt on the woman's life, was hanged this morning. His neck was broken. On the scaffold Mingle made a speech saying that he was going to heaven and that if anybody had a message to send he would take it. He added that he was going to meet his baby and it's mother would join them soon. She had forgiven him and he forgave all.

There were 100 spectators of the execution, which passed off smoothly under the direction of Sheriff Baxter.

WOULD NOT CONFESS

Yesterday afternoon Rev Mr. Carlos endeavored to induce Mingle to make a statement as to his guilt, but no satisfaction could be gotten from him.

"Jim," said Dr Carlos, "you realize the fact now that you have but a few hours on earth and don't you think you ought to confess to your God of the actions in your past life?"

Mingle held his head a moment and looking into the countenance of his spiritual advisor, said "Well if I killed that baby as they say I did, I did not know when I did it."

"If such is the case," said Mr Carlos, "I only hope then that the Lord will forgive you when you meet Him."

"I hope He will," answered Mingle, "and I will let you know if He does."

THE LAST SUPPER

Mingle's sister, Mrs John Trotter and her son, John, arrived in the city on the 5.30 o'clock train last evening. They were accompanied by Mr Anderson, an undertaker of Jacksonville who will take charge of the remains. Mrs Trotter and her son, who is a young man about 23 years of age, walked from the depot direct to the jail. Sheriff Baxter and Mr Carlos escorted them to the cell. The meeting was a cordial one and Mingle appeared greatly delighted to see his sister. She displayed a firm demeanor and did not show any signs of weakening at the sight of her brother. As she approached the cell door, she extended her hand to Mingle and said

"Brother Jim, I have come to take supper with you."

"All right," answered Mingle, "I am very glad to see you and your son and shall like to eat supper with you."

With that remark the brother and sister kissed and embraced one another. Mingle also threw his arms about his nephew and kissed him. Sheriff Baxter was just about to give Mingle his supper when the visitors arrived and he informed them that he would send out and get their meals. Mingle then requested that his supper be withheld until the other meals arrived, so they could eat together. The request was granted and the trio partook of the meal together. Mingle ate for his supper a half dozen New York counts, a medium sized parlor house steak, some potatoes, bread and butter, tea, pie and cake.

At the conclusion of the meal, Mingle talked freely with his sister and nephew. Not a word was mentioned about the murder. The conversation pertained particularly to their childhood days and of old-time friends and acquaintances. They talked of the old homestead, the surroundings, the neighbors and referred to many little incidents that occurred during their childhood days. Rev Mr. Carlos was with them for several hours in the evening. About 10 30 o clock, Mr. Carlos conducted a prayer service with the prisoner. Mrs. Trotter and her son joined in the services.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

The crime for which James Mingle suffered the death penalty was the murder of his child. From the autumn of 1896 until June, 1897, Mingle lived with a woman named Mary Briscoe. They quarreled and separated for a month and then lived together again until the fourth of July, when they quarreled a second time. Mingle at one time threatened to kill the Briscoe woman if she did not come to live with him again. Mary Briscoe had a child named Dollie, who was about 15 months old. Mingle claimed that he was the father of the child and the woman claimed that he was not the father. The woman secured rooms in a building on Jefferson street. She occupied the front rooms and Elijah Tomilson had the back rooms. Mingle made threats against the woman's life several times and urged her to live with him again.

On the morning of July 27 Tomilson was awakened by Mingle trying to climb in his window. Tomilson drove Mingle away. During that morning Mingle had been seen around the neighborhood and was seen to leave the premises on which the Briscoe woman lived. Shortly after the persons occupying the west half of the house in which the woman lived heard groans coming from her room. The woman and her child were found in the rooms. Both were terribly cut and were unconscious. The baby died an hour later. Mingle was arrested while he was walking south from the city on the railroad track. Much to the surprise of the physicians Mary Briscoe recovered from her injuries. She said that she was asleep when the attempt was made to murder her. Mingle had blood on his hands when arrested and a hatchet was found in the room which was identified as his. Mingle was tried before a jury for the murder of the child and was found guilty and sentenced to hang on February 11. The evidence against him was of such an overwhelming character that there was no doubt of his guilt. A motion was made for a new trial but was overruled.

Within the past few days the attorneys for the defense have made an effort to have the governor grant a respite but this was refused yesterday and the sentence was carried out. Mary Briscoe joined the Salvation Army since the murder of the child and has left Springfield. It was thought that Mingle would make a confession of his crime to his spiritual adviser before he hanged. While in the county jail Mingle was baptized.

Death of Mrs. John Peck.

From the Daily of Saturday

Mrs John Peck, wife of a farmer, died of consumption early this morning on the home farm east of Emery. The body will be taken to Cerro Gordo for burial. The deceased some time ago was a patient at the St Mary's hospital, this city.

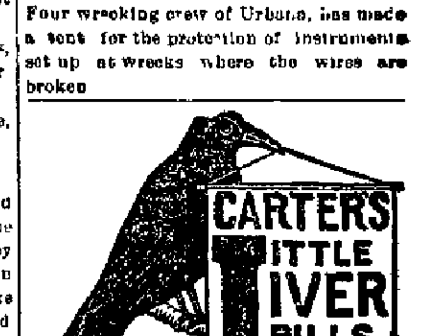
Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L Krone.

C. F Herrington of Fowler Ind, has bought the Rubrake store at Hoopeston, and Mr. Rubrake will go into the grocery business at Frankfort, Ind

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could be me perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. H W Bell, N. L Krone

Dolph Clingenhoffer, captain of the Big Four wrecking crew of Urbana, has made a tent for the protection of instruments set up at wrecks where the wires are broken.



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1898.

Why should Jerry Simpson attack Mr Dingley's hat when his other extremity is denied socks?

De Lome has, probably by this time realized the fact that there has been a change in the situation at Washington.

The cruisers that are looking for filibusters ought to be able to catch De Lome before he gets out of New York harbor.

President Dole will leave us but the country will remember that he had a nice pair of whiskers, and did not spend any time stroking them.

The country need not be surprised at hearing any time that Germany has discriminated against American pig iron on account of the pork worm.

Tallyrand once said: "Never write a letter and never burn one." There are a good many statesmen who do not heed this advice.

A proposition to recognize the belligerency of the Cuban patriots would be carried in the United States by 7,000,000 majority.

The Republican league of Ohio has endorsed the course of Senator Mason of this state on the Cuban question, and demanded the independence of the Cubans.

When a nation that eats Limburger cheese kicks about American pork worm or a scale louse, not as large as the point of a cambric needle on an apple, it is about time to set up the beer.

Mr. Orr, chairman of the states Democratic committee announces that ex-Governor Altgeld has nothing to do with the projected love feast at East St Louis., and is not expected to be there. Well if it is the sort of meeting that will keep Altgeld away, then it cannot be a love feast.

If congress finds out half as much about the war in Cuba as it has inquired for, instead of De Lome's pending proposition for a reciprocity treaty, which he characterized as a trick to deceive the administration, there will be blood on the moon.

Altgeld's proposition to hold a Democratic love feast in East St. Louis next month can be accounted for in but one way, namely, he perhaps wants to celebrate the cyclone that struck that city two years ago.

Nothing will prevent the full effect of the American protective tariff policy in bringing about the fullest prosperity and the greatest demand for labor except the howl of the Democratic party for free silver and 40 cent dollars.

The jury may have acted wisely in deciding that Luetgert will be punished more by imprisonment for life than by hanging, but its effect on other brutes who contemplate murder will not be so beneficial and then he may be pardoned before he dies.

J. Sterling Morton, ex-secretary of agriculture, is accused of plagiarism as to some verses. This accusation is very far fetched considering the fact that a secretary of agriculture is expected annually to send out the other fellow's pumpkin seeds.

The Japanese having announced the will not evacuate the port of Wei-Hai-Wei, China has no occasion to borrow money to pay the Japanese war indemnity and Russia and England cease to fall over each other to loan China the money in lieu of trade advantages. This was a bold and unexpected stroke of Japan and the surprise was so great that the powers are silent.

The news that Consul General Lee has not resigned is received with general gratification all over the country. Lee is admired for his courage and patriotism displayed in Havana on many occasions since the rebellion was first instituted in Cuba The people have supreme confidence in him because they believe he will not temporize with the Spaniards at any turn of the road The people want no temporizing with Spanish brutes.

New Orleans Picayune: Mixing white Indian corn meal with flour and selling it as pure flour has become so general in the south that the Georgia legislature has passed a bill requiring the words "mixed flour" to be branded on each package containing a blending of wheat and cheaper corn flour, and show what proportion of the contents is wheat and what is flour. Steps are also being taken toward similar protective legislative action in South Carolina.—(Exchange.) The branding on the package will be no protection to the boarders who do not see the bag when they eat their bread.

It is now intimated the administration will not ask the Spanish government to disclaim sympathy with the inferences contained in the De Lome letter. This is a wise conclusion as it would be a small matter for a set of liars, such as Spain produces, to make a disavowal when as a matter of fact they did not mean a word of it To demand a disavowal would impress the American people that the administration was inclined to let Spain trifle with it Let Spain do as she pleases about it, but let the government hereafter handle the Cuban question with a strong hand.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers has offered a protest against the running of steel works on Sunday, though it is understood that the action is simply formal, as many of the employes who were idle during the existence of the Wilson tariff are willing to work over hours to make up for the losses of that period. The steel plants throughout the country are all occupied, as are also the tin plate mills, which latter are in marked contrast with those of Wales, from which recent reports show that nearly one-half of the mills of that part of the world are idle.

The impression is gaining strength that the action of the government in relation to the Cuban question is controlled by business considerations which is probably untrue. But whether true or false it is a dangerous impression to obtain among the masses. When it comes to questions of right and patriotism business considerations should be relegated to the rear, otherwise patriotism would soon become so obtunded that the republic would be endangered from forces within. Nothing has done so much to make the republic what it is as the periods in our history when a vigorous and strong foreign policy was pursued. Business is all right but there are times when it is far from being everything to a people.

The manufacturers of the country have not only found a much larger market at home since the enactment of the Dingley law, but have also been able to prove the inaccuracy of the Democratic assertion that the protective tariff would reduce their markets in other parts of the world. The sales of American manufactures to foreign purchasers in the five months' operation of the Dingley law, beginning August 1, 1897, and ending January 1, 1898, were in round numbers $118,000,000, which was in excess of the sales of manufactured articles in the corresponding months of the preceding year under the Wilson law.

Chairman Dingley and his Republican associates in congress showed their good judgment by ignoring the threats, expressed or implied, of the various countries which made protest against the Dingley tariff during its discussion. Not only have those countries bought more from us since the enactment of the Dingley law than they did in the corresponding months of the preceding year, but Argentine, from which a particularly vigorous protest came against the imposition of duties on her wool, hides, and other articles, has just put a new tariff law upon her statute books, in which she neglects to carry out any of the threats of retaliation or discrimination which were promised in case those features of the Dingley law were placed upon our statute books.

Some of these murderers are remarkably cool and collected when they are being led into court to know whether they are to be hung or not. We quote from an exchange: "The man charged with the awful crime came in, shook hands cordially with his numerous friends, dusted a chair with his silk handkerchief, sat down and smiled on the judge." Our contemporary does not say whether the judge was pleased or pained with his condescension.—(Atlanta Constitution.) If it was a common police court judge, put in office by the hoodlums who commit the murders, he was probably pleased to be smiled at by so distinguished a prisoner.

That was a very natural protest which was made, a day or two ago, by the man who found a mouse in his loaf of bread, says the Lowell News. Lord Palmerston defined dirt as matter in the wrong place. Perhaps one could hardly call a mouse dirt, but in the circumstances it was surely matter in the wrong place. There was something suggestive in the reply of the baker. "What do you expect?" said he; "elephants?" It is not at all likely that the protesting purchaser expected to find an elephant in his loaf. He could have made the obvious reply that if there had been an elephant in the loaf there would have been a good deal more bread around it.

Simple Free-Trust Lies.

New York Press: Daniel Davis of Phillipsburg, N. J., sends us a clipping from an editorial of the World, and says: "Please call attention to the lies and refute them." Mr. Davis is right in calling them lies, for they are nothing but lies. One of the particular and specific lies is this: "Since he (President McKinley) signed the Dingley bill our exports of manufactured articles, which had reached the highest point under the Wilson law, have steadily declined."

Let us see how "steadily" they have declined In August, 1897, the exports of manufactured articles were $22,909,406. In December they were $23,840,448. Where is the decline? In August, 1897, the exports of manufactured articles were $1,800,000 more than in August, 1896; in September they were $1,155,000 more than in September, 1896 In October they were less by a million or more than in October, 1896, but in November they were greater and in December they were only slightly less than for December, 1896. For the five months of August, September, October, November and December of 1897, under the McKinley law, the total exports of manufactured articles were $118,089,500, as against $111,708,069 for the corresponding five months of 1896 under the Wilson law.

That much for the World's lie about the "steady decline of exports of manufactured articles."

The other lie which Mr. Davis asks us to refute is this: "And the law is thus far a failure as a revenue producer."

The government receipts for the month of January were announced yesterday. The customs receipts alone show for January a gain of $3,000,000 over December and the internal revenue receipts a gain of more than a million. Furthermore, the customs receipts for January of this year, under the Dingley law, were $3,000,000 more than for the corresponding month of last year under the Wilson law. So there is the answer to lie number two

Mr Davis and all other citizens should observe that in its habitual tariff lying the World does not attempt to prove its contention with the statistics of the treasury department It boldly asserts what it wishes to assert and it lies out of its own imagination.

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Pleasant Home Gathering in Riverside Place—House Decorations and Guests—Yellow Gifts and a Fine Feast.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

At the home of their son, Thomas C. Hardy at Riverside Place, Mr and Mrs. George P. Hardy celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage last evening. The hours were from 8 to 10 and from 9 to 11, and during the evening 150 guests called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs Hardy on having reached the golden period in their wedded life. The rooms were beautified by the artistic placing of palms, lilies, potted plants and cut flowers. The decorations were in green and yellow. In the parlors palms and lilies were arranged on stands and the mantles were banked with green foliage and blooming plant. The chandelier were entwined with smilax and the electric globes shaded with yellow shades. In the dining room the table was set in beautiful linen with a centre piece embroidered in yellow. Strands of smilax were taken diagonally across the table and at each corner caught up with bows of yellow ribbon. A huge bowl of yellow roses stood in the centre of the table and the effect of the soft yellow glow of the shaded lights was most pleasing and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy stood in the front parlor to receive the guests. Assisting in receiving were Mrs. S. W. Johns, Mrs. G. C. Cook and Dr. and Mrs. Catherwood of Shelbyville. Mrs Hardy wore black silk and yellow roses. Among the large collection of presents received was a picture of the minister who united Mr. and Mrs Hardy in marriage. He is living at the age of 84 years at the home of a son in Nebraska. An invitation was sent him but owing to his advanced age it was impossible for him to be present and his letter of regrets was accompanied by the picture.

Guests from out of town were Dr and Mrs. Catherwood, Shelbyville, Mrs G. W. Cook, Shelbyville, Mrs. Wilmuth, Shelbyville, Miss Emma Hardy, Bloomington; Miss Mollie Kirkman, Moweaqua. Regrets were received from Boston, Lowel and Chelsea, Mass., Chicago and Beloit Wis.

George Parker Hardy and Miss Sarah A. Surdan were married at 8 o'clock on the evening of February 15, 1848 at the home of the mother of the bride, Mrs. Mary Surdan, at Bloomington, Ill., by the Rev. George W. Manter. Seven children have been born to them, of whom but three are living. They are Mrs. J. T. Ehrhart of Chicago, Mrs. Stephen Morehouse, T. C. Hardy of Decatur. After his marriage Mr. Hardy carried on a bakery and confectionery establishment at Bloomington until 1852, when they came to Decatur, but in January, 1853, left for Assumption, where he had a contract to construct four miles of the Illinois Central railroad From Assumption he went to Moweaqua to accept the position as station agent for the Illinois Central. Two years later he went into the merchandise and grain business and in 1868 came to Decatur, where he has since resided. Since coming to Decatur Mr. Hardy has filled the position of city and town clerk for 10 years, that of county clerk for three terms and is now justice of the peace with an office on South Water street

Mr. and Mrs Hardy are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mrs. Hardy is a prominent Mason. Each is 69 years of age.

MARRIED 15 YEARS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Morris Entertain Many Friends.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The 15th, or crystal anniversary, of the marriage of Mr and Mrs W. P Morris was pleasantly celebrated last night at their inviting home on West Macon street. Over 30 couples were charmingly entertained. It was a surprise on Mr. Morris and was therefore all the more enjoyable. It was planned by Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Clay Dempsey, Mrs A. S. Waltz and Mrs Eli Brenneman. Whist and other card games were the diversions, closing with a dance. Delicious refreshments were served. Many crystal gifts were bestowed The guests received miniature valentines as souvenirs.

W. P. Morris and Dora H. Fuller were married at the residence of the bride's parents at Rich Hill, Mo., on February 18, 1883, by Rev. Hackney At the time of their marriage the groom was a traveling salesman for a large implement manufacturing plant in which position he continued for a period of over 10 years. During about two of these ten years Mr and Mrs. Morris made their home in Decatur. In 1893 the groom gave up his business on the road and he and his present partner, Mr. Leon, established themselves in the implement business at Amboy, Ill. Early in the spring of 1894 the business was disposed of at Amboy and the groom and his partner removed to Decatur, where they bought the implement house of Sheriff J. P. Nicholson on East Wood street. Mr. Morris and his partner are still in business at the latter place.

Married by Judge Hammer.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning at his office in the court house Judge Hammer married Arthur Jump and Miss Ruth Davis, both well known residents of Austin township. The wedding was witnessed by a number of the friends of the couple.

The Decatur pension board met today.

CIRCUIT COURT.

An Adjournment Taken This Forenoon—Thomason Lost His Case.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

The circuit court convened this forenoon at 9 o'clock, but there was very little business transacted and an adjournment until tomorrow was taken before 11 o'clock. Yesterday the jury in the case of Judd Thomas vs. The Wabash Railroad returned a verdict in favor of the defendant The entries on the court dockets today were as follows:

COMMON LAW CASES.

William Stone vs William Sebroll, appellant; appeal. Continued by agreement.

John A Dawson as assignee vs. Lewis E. Eyman, assumpsit. Leave to amend declaration instanter. By agreement jury waived and trial by court Cause heard, judgment for plaintiff $5657.60 and costs.

John A. Dawson, assignee vs William L. Bear et al; assumpsit. Suit dismissed at costs of plaintiff.

John A. Dawson, assignee, vs. Clara E. Eyman, et al; assumpsit Leave to amend declaration instanter. By agreement jury waived and trial by court.

Mary Boydston vs. Helen S. Cooke; debt. Continued because not at issue on trial call.

City Electric Railway Company vs. Alma M. Kinney; assumpsit. Pleas withdrawn and judgment by default.

Joseph E. Eden vs. Decatur Plumbing and Heating Company; assumpsit. Jury waived, trial by court by agreement.

David M. Garver vs. Hugh Crea, assumpsit Leave to file two additional pleas instanter.

D. W. Brenneman vs. The City of Decatur assumpsit. Leave to defendant to file several special pleas instanter.

Edward Gogerty vs. The Decatur Cereal Mill Co.; trespass on the case. Demurrer to declaration Demurrer sustained and leave to amend and file additional count.

David W. Bray vs. John Blickle trespass Rule on plaintiff to reply and join issue Saturday next.

Annie Diehl vs. J R. Gorin, administrator, appellant; appeal from county court. Motion to vacate rule.

Thomas O'Keefe vs. Samuel H. Jameson; assumpsit. Suit dismissed at costs of plaintiff.

Charles C Randolph vs. Hans Tay; assumpsit. Demurrer to amended declaration.

Charles C. Randolph vs. C. H Hopwood; assumpsit. Motion allowed and default set aside at terms. Costs in cause including default and subsequent

CHANCERY CASES.

Edward J. Rivard vs. Dudley D. Risley et al; foreclosure. Demurrer to amended cross bill.

William H. Long vs. Zacharia Cuddington; chancery. Dismissed by complainant at his costs.

Rosa Belle Hoover vs. Thomas Hoover; divorce. Proof of publication made and rule to answer by tomorrow morning.

Daniel Knotts vs. Charles E. Howard et al; foreclosure. Suit dismissed by complainant at his costs

Fredrich Dipper vs Anna Hamsher et al; foreclosure. Decree pro confesso on cross bill and original and referred for proof and conclusion.

William H. Nickey vs. Rosalie A. Rosen et al; foreclosure. Referred for proof and conclusion.

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State Institute

The Illinois Farmers' Institute will be held at Champaign on February 22, 23 and 24. It will be a great gathering. Governor Tanner will give an address and many speakers of state and national reputation will be heard R. M. Bell of Decatur will speak on "Our Sheep Industry," and Dr C. C Mills, also of Decatur, will give an address on "The Farm Telephone."

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W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill, "Chief," says "We won't keep house without Dr King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy *Trial bottles free at* J E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.

Draper's Case.

In the circuit court at Jacksonville Saturday elaborate arguments were heard by Judge Shirley for and against the motion for a new trial in the Charles L Draper murder case. Decision will not be given until next Saturday afternoon If the motion is denied, the prisoner will be sent to the penitentiary for life on the verdict of the jury.

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BRING JUG WITH YOU.

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PRICES ARE GOOD

Very Little Grain is Being Delivered in Decatur.

The prices offered in the local markets for grain are good but in spite of this fact scarcely any grain is being delivered. The roads are in such a bad condition that it is next to impossible for the farmers to haul the grain. As soon as the condition of the roads improves there will undoubtedly be large receipts as the prices are better than they have been for some time past. Both corn and wheat are higher than they were last week. The following are the prices quoted by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company: Wheat 95 cents per bushel white corn 27 cents mixed corn 26 cents white oats 23 cents mixed oats 22 cents, rye 35 cents.

LIVE STOCK

There has been no great change in the live stock market since last week excepting that the price of hogs has gone up Danzeisen and Sons offer $3 to $3.50 for hogs.

POULTRY.

The poultry receipts this week have been light on account of the bad roads Max Atlas offers the following prices: Hens and springs, 6 cents per pound, stags 5 cents, roosters 3 cents, ducks 5 cents, geese 5 cents, hen turkeys 10 cents, gobblers 8 cents, toms 6 cents

The price of eggs has dropped several cents. For a long time 14 cents was offered but the warm weather has caused the supply of eggs to increase and today 10½ cents per dozen is offered by Max Atlas. Last summer eggs retailed as low as 10 cents and it is likely that if the warm weather continues they will again be as cheap inside of five or six weeks.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Max Atlas offers for hides 8½ cents per pound and for tallow 3 cents per pound.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 16

	Opening	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing	Yesterday.
Wheat—					
Feb	—	—	—	—	100
May	1 00	103¼	99¾	10 ¼	99⅝
July	86¼	89½	86	89⅛	86¾
Corn—					
Feb	—	—	—	29⅝	29⅛
May	31	31¼	31	31⅛	30⅜
July	32¼	32⅝	32	32⅛	31⅞
Oats—					
Feb	—	—	—	26¼	26⅛
May	27⅛	27⅜	27	27¼	27⅛
July	24⅞	24⅞	24⅞	24⅝	24⅛
Pork—					
May	11 05	11 32½	11 00	11 10	11 17
Lard					
May	5 15	5 20	5.12½	5 12½	5 20
Ribs					
May	5 27½	5 35	5 25	5 30	5.32½

May wheat: Puts, —. Calls. —; Curb, —.

To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.

Wheat—49, Estimated, 40; a year ago, 12
Corn—253; Estimated, 335 a year ago, 220
Oats—126, Estimated, 150, a year ago, 225.

Estimates for To-Morrow.

Wheat, 45; Corn, 275, Oats, 130.

Hogs

Hog receipts, 38,000. Estimated, 38,000. Market lower.

Light, $3.90@$4.13; Mixed $3.90@$4.16, Heavy $4.00@$4.15; Rough, $3.90@$3.95. Estimated for to-morrow, 27,000.

Cattle.

Cattle receipts, 16,000. Market lower.

Chronic Diseases Cured.

Th day of so called "incurable diseases" is past. Owing to the great advances made in science and invention within the past few years. There is hardly a disease that cannot be successfully coped with by the great physician, properly equipped with the genius and knowledge to diagnose the case, and then the newly invented and improved surgical instruments and medicine for treatment.

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN,

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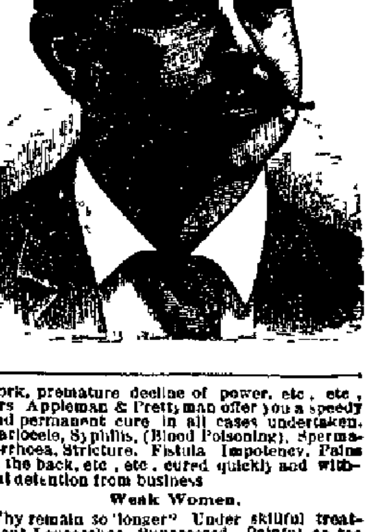

DRS. APPLEMAN & PRETTYMAN are the greatest specialists in an age of specialty. Added to a great natural inclination, amounting almost to genius, for the investigation of causes and cure of diseases they had the benefit of an education at the greatest medical colleges in America, and subsequent experience and practice in the hospitals of the largest cities of the East. Their startling original discoveries of medical agents and successful application of them to particular classes of diseases, have gained for them a reputation of wide recognition and lasting fame. They are the world's greatest healers, have long been recognized as such and have not even yet reached the zenith of their power.

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Ringing in the Ears?
Hawking and Spitting?
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Difficulty in Breathing?
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IF SO YOU HAVE CATARRH.

Beware! Catarrh if allowed to run on leads to Chronic Dyspepsia Consumption and Death Drs Appleman & Prettyman can cure you, if they undertake your case, soon and easily, by a positive painless method of their own discovery, which they have used with invariable success in thousands of cases.

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A Word to Men

To those who are suffering from one or more of the various forms of nervous debility resulting in some of the following symptoms Blotches, pimples Involuntary emissions loss of memory, aversion to society, and inability to work, premature decline of power, etc., etc., Drs Appleman & Prettyman offer you a speedy and permanent cure in all cases undertaken. Varicocele, Syphilis, (Blood Poisoning), Spermatorrhoea, Stricture, Fistula Impotency, Pains in the back, etc, etc, cured quickly and without detention from business

Weak Women.

Why remain so longer? Under skillful treatment Leucorrhoe, Suppressed, Painful or too Profuse Menstration, Laceration, Ulceration Ovarian Difficulties, etc, will speedily disappear Sterility (Barrenness) is not a permanent condition You can be cured and thus bring happiness to yourself and to others, fulfiling your natural function and making home what it should be.

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OUR NEIGHBORS.

MACON.

Miss Leona Casalet spent Sunday in Assumption the guest of relatives.

Miss Gussie Van Zant, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Decatur, returns home Saturday.

Miss Eugenia Harris of Decatur spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Charles Turner.

James Aumcok, Jr., of Decatur, spent Sunday with his father.

L. Stehr and wife of Elwin spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. K. Stehr.

Robert Bivans of Decatur was a business visitor to this city the first of the week.

Married—Last Thursday occurred the marriage of Miss Edna Boren, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Boren to William Schuyler, a prosperous young farmer of this township, at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. A. Willard. The happy young couple went at once to housekeeping on a farm one and a half miles west of this city.

Married—At the M. E. parsonage last Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Mr. Roy Cottingham to Miss Vinnie Midkiff. Rev. A. Willard officiating. The groom is a prosperous young farmer and they go at once to housekeeping on a farm west of town.

Married—The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Combs, two and one half miles east of this city, was the scene of a pretty and joyous wedding on Wednesday evening, it being the marriage of Miss Sarah Combs to Robert Patterson, Jr. The ceremony was performed at eight o'clock by Rev. A. Willard, the able pastor of the M. E. Church, of this city. To the tune of a very appropriate wedding march played on the organ by Miss Pearl Chamberlain, the contracting parties passed down stairs and took their position in the southwest corner of the parlor facing the officiating minister. The many friends who witnessed the ceremony stood in the parlor and the two rooms adjoined and in this position the solemn words were impressively pronounced that joined these two happy hearts for life. After the congratulations of the relatives and friends of the happy couple had been received, supper was announced and the guests were ushered to the spacious dining hall and all enjoyed the delicious wedding luncheon. The bride was gowned in Paris muslin trimmed with white satin ribbon and point applique lace and carried bride's roses. The groom wore the regulation black. The bride, who is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Combs, was born and raised near this city and by her accomplishments and grace of mind she has endeared herself to the Epworth League and the people of the M. E church in general. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson and is an industrious young man and they will reside on a farm south of this city.

Quite a number of the young folks from this city went out to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Schuyler last night and surprised them. They had an excellent time.

John Schudel and wife gave a graphaphone part at their residence Saturday evening in honor of their daughter, Mrs. Elihu Smith of Cortland, Neb., who is visiting here.

MAROA.

L. D. Adams of Adams of Brocton, Edgar county, has moved on a farm near Emery.

Miss Burleigh Hill, who has been visiting relatives here for some time returned to her home in Decatur Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Philbrook of Decatur was the guest of J. Crocker and family over Sunday.

Miss Clara Street is the guest of her brother, C. W Street and family.

Clarence Sigler was in Chicago several days this week buying goods for the Maroa Dry Goods Co.

Miss Estella Bass of Mackinaw spent Sunday with her brother, D. Bass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hill were guest of Decatur friends Sunday.

S. G. Braden left Tuesday for Texas.

A two months' old child of Taylor Rhodes and wife was buried at Maroa cemetery Sunday.

George Ritter of Springfield spent Sunday with his wife.

The Open Window club was entertained by Draxy Steele and Leliah Huff on Saturday evening. Refreshments were served.

Walker Smith was kicked by a horse Saturday morning. He sustained injuries that will confine him to his home for awhile.

Walker Smith and Harry Stoutenborough last week purchased the Kunn Parr livery business.

A Sunday school institute will be held at the M. E church February 17. The meetings will be in charge of state field worker, George W. Miller. The following is the program. 10 a. m., Memory Gems from Scripture, led by a local worker; 10 30 a. m., the need of my heart and hand; 10.30, normal Bible drill, G. W Miller; afternoon, 2 p. m., Prayer for power in service; 2 15 p. m., our practical Sunday school needs; 3:15, normal training lesson, G. W. Miller. Evening, 7 p. m., song and praise service; 7:30 p m., how may we improve our county affairs, 8 p m., address, G. W. Miller.

Miss Allie Miller of Clinton, is the guest of Miss Cora Harrington.

George Strawn was the guest of Decatur friends Sunday.

Parker and Gorman shipped a car load of cattle to Chicago Tuesday.

Nine candidates were commissioned at the Christian church Tuesday afternoon. The meetings still continues with increased interest.

BLUE MOUND.

Post Master W. H. Weatherford of Boody is on our streets this morning.

J. N. Donahey of Decatur is in Blue Mound today work life insurance.

R. I. Smith of Pana come over this morning on business.

Frank W. Abram's and J. W. Little went to Decatur today for examination by the pension board.

Mr and Mrs. E. T. Clements returned home Friday, after an absence of six week's visiting in St. Louis and Carrollton, Mo.

Mrs. W. H. Bean died suddenly at her home, three miles southeast of Blue Mound Tuesday morning of chills and fever, leaving an infant two days old.

Mrs. Al. Whittaker, who has been suffering for a long time with consumption was reported as dying yesterday morning, but she rallied and is resting a little easier today.

Henry Hoper, a farmer, seven miles northwest, has rented out his farm and will move to Blue Mound this spring.

MOWEAQUA.

Messrs F. E. Wallace, Joe Coffman and Misses Cora Speak, Emma Yann attended meeting at Fame last Tuesday evening

James F Cronin, John Moran's hostler, was slightly injured one day last week while exercising Mr. Moran's fine saddle horse.

Gus Keller, the crack shot of Allenford failed to materialize Tuesday at the shooting match and friends were much alarmed, fearing Dad had met with an accident.

The meetings at the Christian church one progressing nicely.

Quite a number from here are attending court in Shelbyville this week.

Ralph W. Snyder transacted business in Decatur Tuesday.

Mrs. F. E. Bartlett returned Friday from an extended visit with relatives in Amboy.

Johnny Moran was the guest of lady friends in Assumption Monday.

A. M. Warren is serving as grand juror in Shelbyville this week.

Little Joe Coffman was seriously injured Tuesday evening by falling through the glass door in the rear of E. G. Polk cigar factory.

LAKE CITY.

Mr. John Acom went to Decatur Monday on business.

Miss Stella Reber of Mt. Zion returned home Tuesday.

Mr. William McMullen of Lovington came Tuesday to see his mother, who is very sick.

Harry and Bessie Griffith went to Chestervile Saturday to visit their aunt, Mrs. Painter

Prof. William Dickson attended the Central examination at Prairie Hall school house Tuesday.

Decatur visitors this week were Mr. Layman, Mr. Taylor and wife, Mr. Whit Foley, Mr. Stiders, William Hogan, Mr. Dodman.

The entertainment and ice cream social given by the Good Templars last Saturday evening was very successful.

Mrs. Hard of Hammond is to lecture at the Dickson Hall next Monday. The subject is "India." She will have an Indian exhibit and anyone wanting to see this exhibit will pay five cents. She also will be dressed in Indian costume, the proceeds of this will be for the benefit of the Indian orphans.

Mr. L. Ross and family of Lintner spent Sunday with Mr. John Foley's family.

Mr. Dodman's house, about two miles east of this place, caught fire from the chimney and burnt last Friday night. The family were just retiring to bed when they heard a noise upstairs. On investigating they found the house on fire. They only saved a few things.

There will be preaching at the M. E. church next Sunday night.

MOWEAQUA.

Mrs. Ellen Snyder and son, Ray, were shopping in Decatur Monday.

J. F Van Gundy of Macon was in Moweaqua today to attend a shooting bee.

Miss Mollie Kiskenan spent Sunday with her brother's family in Decatur.

Born, To Mr. and Mrs. Will Moss, February 12, a daughter

Mrs. Frank Snell visited relatives in Assumption the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Cooley entertained relatives from Decatur over Sunday.

Miss Millie Berry of Decatur came down last Friday and visited her parents until Sunday night.

Tom Stoner Jr., of Mt. Zion was in town last Thursday.

Cliff Winchell of Decatur spent Sunday in Moweaqua.

James Jacobs of Walker has purchased the Widow Buck property north of the Presbyterian church and will move his family into it about the 1st of March. They are a fine family and Moweaqua is glad to welcome such folks.

LA PLACE.

Born, To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wetsiendanger, February 8, a daughter.

Dr. W. C Bowers of Decatur was seen on our street Wednesday on business.

Mrs. Dora Currey and Madison Adams are reported on the sick list, but are convalescing.

Quite a number are attending the Bible school which is being held at the Brethren church, east of town.

Scott Wilson of Decatur, our former barber, is visiting his grandmother, Aunt Fannie Wilson, and shaking hands with old acquaintances.

Claud Toney, who went to Oklahoma last fall, returned a few days ago.

Emery Saylor did business in Decatur Tuesday.

Grandma Fouts is not expected to live.

One of our prepossessing, genteel young men, by the name of Holly Mowery, son of Joseph Mowery, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Monday evening, February 7, to Miss Estella Pasley, at the home of his uncle, Edward Mowery near Prairie Hall. Mr. Mowery and his father have rented a large farm near Tuscola where they will move about the 1st of March.

W. A. Fleck met with a painful accident Thursday while going to the rear end of the store. Mr. Fleck was busily engaged and not heeding the danger he was approaching stepped into the cellar

The Review reporter of Sangamon in his report last week did a great deal of traveling to gather a few items, going to La Place, Casner and Prairie Hall to make a showing in his column.

The mite social which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Overstake, was a grand success. All enjoyed a good time until a late hour. They will meet again in two weeks at the home of Mr and Mrs. W. P. Fulton. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. C. P. Hard will have on exhibition at Fleck's hall Saturday evening February 19, a collection of articles from India to sell. The proceeds to go to the 5000 famine orphans in India. Admission free.

There was a gentleman in our town Sunday and Monday somewhat tall, dark hair, light mustache, about 45 years of age, who tried to make himself popular as a detective. People should be on the lookout for such a fellow, as he is an imposter.

Miss Mollie Falk spent Sunday in Decatur with her brother, Bruce Falk.

Rev. D. O. Giffin of Argenta rendered a popular discourse at the M. E. church Saturday night.

Quite a number of our popular young men went to Decatur Friday night on the band car, to witness the Traveling Men's minstrels.

Miss Viola Gunkle of Decatur, accompanied by her sister, Miss Lura Gunkle, of Kansas, are visiting their sister Mrs. C. E. Groff this week.

D. F. Gunkle, better known as Frank, is going to act as a representative for H. Groff this summer.

Remember the debate at the Prairie Valley school, Friday afternoon. Subject: Resolved, That football should be prohibited on the school grounds.

FORSYTH.

This community has never received a greater shock than was caused by the sudden death on yesterday of E. J. Crawford. He has been a familiar figure among us for the past seven years and in all that he has never made an enemy. He was honest to a penny, and his energy and perseverance was equal to his honesty. He was moral in every thing and very charitable, always acting as his conscience dictated. He was ever kind in his family, never having been known to speak a harsh or unkind word to his wife or children. He leaves a wife and two bright boys, all of whom he seemed to worship. He has one brother, Walter, living near Maroa. This is the only blood relative except his own family that he has in this state. He has a father and several brothers living in Virginia. About eight years ago he married Ida May Bricker of Friends Creek township. The union proved to be a very happy one, two children were born to them, Earl, aged seven years, and Wood, aged five. He would have at any time given his life for his family and the writer believes that in the condition his mind was in that he thought he was doing so. The rash act was not like Ed Crawford, as we knew him. His death has cast a gloom over the entire community and is an irreparable blow to his before happy family. In politics he was always a staunch Republican and seems to have brought his Republicanism with him from the old Dominion state. He will be buried tomorrow by the K. of P. and Modern Woodmen lodges. His widow will receive $2000 from the latter. Interment will be at the Maroa cemetery. Funeral services to be held at the church in Forsyth at 10 a. m., Thursday.

MILMINE.

Andrew Peck and family arrived home from Lake Charles, La., last Thursday.

Peter Lux and wife of Lovington visited his father here last week.

Samuel Stockhouse and wife, H. F. Robertson and wife, O. B. Baker and wife, Charles Baker and wife, Misses Jennie Bowdle and Bessie Holcomb attended the opening of the new Hotel Vendome in Bement Wednesday evening.

Born, to Otis Peck and wife, Sunday, February 6, a son.

The meetings at Bethel church closed last Wednesday night. Rev. Johnson, who was helping Rev. Rogers, returned to his home in Martinsville Thursday.

Matt Phillips came down from Parnell Monday to assist his brother, Frank, in the grain business here.

M. S. Barber was a Cerro Gordo visitor Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Homer of Waverly returned home Friday. Miss Sarah Bowdle accompanied him.

Mrs. S. A. Farnsworth was a Decatur visitor Monday.

Joseph Zickafoose, James Ryan and William Born, transacted business in Decatur Friday and Saturday.

Prof. Geo. F. Arts was in Champaign, Saturday and Sunday. He is taking some special work in the university there.

John Welsh and daughter returned home from Indianapolis last week, where they had been visiting relatives.

Charles Siegel now goes on crutches, on account of injuries received while riding a railroad velocipede.

Arthur Lux a young lawyer from Lovington, visited his grandparents here last week.

Mrs. Samuel Bobb is lying at the point of death with consumption.

J. I Pryor was a Bement visitor Monday His many friends are glad that he is able to be out.

MT. ZION.

Mr Farlow and family moved to Sullivan Wednesday

Miss Eva Belle Lockwood gave a musical and elocutionary entertainment at the C. P. chuch Friday night.

James Henry, who has been seriously ill is improving very slowly.

Ape Warsham of Prairie Hall was in our town last week on business.

The young ladies of this place will give an entertainment the 22nd of this month at the C. P. church. Everybody come and have a hearty laugh.

Ethel Conn is on the sick list.

Mrs. Lizzie Nickleson, while visiting one of the neighbors, fell down the steps, hurting her side and shoulder. She was not seriously injured.

It was arranged Sunday afternoon to have a bear dance. The young men of this place made up a purse to have it perform, when one of the village official stopped up and put a stop to it, ha, ha. The bear went west.

Mrs. I. E. Lilly and daughter gave an entertainment last Friday evening on the street.

Miss Lida Armstrong is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Z. Banton, this week.

BARRISTOWN.

Mrs. Helen Lowe and daughter of Decatur visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. John Cross visited relatives here last week.

Dick Tomlinson returned from Tennessee Monday where he has been visiting for a month or two.

A car load of hog were shipped from here to Indianapolis, Ind., Monday.

Mrs. S. S. Harper is very sick.

Ralph Towne visited relatives here this week

The expert dynamite exploder and root extractor from Latham, blowed out some stumps for Dr. J. L. Connelly last and this week.

G. W. Lehman of Decatur was in this week.

LONG CREEK.

William Harold infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green died Sunday evening, the funeral was held Monday afternoon at 8 o'clock from the Long Creek M. E. church. The services were conducted by Rev. A. M. Danley and the burial was at Wings cemetery.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ella Mae Myers to Hayden Veech. Miss Bettie Myers to George B Wheeler at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Myers, Wednesday evening February 23, 1898.

Tyler & Co., are lengthening the approach to their grain dump this week.

CASNER.

Mr. Jacob Sheets will move the James Jones farm next week.

Born to Mr and Mrs. John Casner on Tuesday, February 8, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wiesendanger on Wednesday, Feburary 9, a daughter.

Born, to Mr and Mrs. Frank Bond on Wednesday, February 9, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tohill on Thursday, February 10, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chapman visited over Sunday with the family of Jerry Duncan at Lintner.

Mrs. Penting of Stonington visited last week with Mrs Walker Patterson.

Mrs. Joseph Bork returned from a two weeks' visit in Chicago Monday.

Dr. Patterson made a professional call in Boody Saturday.

Dave Underwood made a two days' visit with the family of his brother, I. S. Underwood in Decatur last week.

On Sunday evening the Y. P. S. C. E. elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, J E Underwood; vice president, J. L. Tohill; recording secretary, Jessie Bushart; corresponding secretary, Miss Grace White; organist, Jessie Bushart; chorister, S. B. Todd. Meeting next Sunday afternoon, Mrs. J. E. Underwood leader

LAKE CITY.

The officers and members of Silver Star Lodge, No. 160, I. O. of G. T, located at Lake City, celebrated the ninth anniversary of their lodge Saturday night, February 19, by giving a free entertainment. The program was as follows: Song by the choir; Frankie Farrell, opening address; Eva Barndon, oration; song by the choir; Ella Gifford, recitation. A history of the lodge was read by M. H. Beadles; song by the choir; Malissie Gifford, recitation; Bessie Saffle, recitation; song by the choir; Frankie Farrell, recitation; M. H. Beadles, recitation. The next was a song which ended the program. Refreshments were then served and a good time was enjoyed by all who were present.

ILLINOIS FARMERS.

Next Week's Session at Champaign Will be Unusually Interesting.

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 16.—The third annual meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, which will be held in the halls of the University of Illinois, February 22, 23 and 24, promises to become the most memorable in the history of agriculture in Illinois. It will embrace eight sessions, at which an extraordinary array of excellent speakers will make addresses, and the program will cover every topic of interest to the farming community in the state.

Perhaps the most notable of the sessions will be the closing one the afternoon of February 24, when Governor Tanner will preside as chairman and addresses will be made by Governor J. A. Mount of Indiana, O. G. Luce, former governor of Michigan; George McKerrow, superintendent of farm institutes of Wisconsin, and W. C. Latta, professor of agriculture and superintendent of institutes for Indiana.

A sugar beet convention will be held at the university immediately after the close of the meeting, at which a number of experts in the sugar beet industry will make addresses.

CORN CONVENTION.

Many Delegates Gather in Chicago—The Food Question.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The first corn convention ever held met today. One hundred and fifty delegates are present from the corn-growing states. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture was chosen chairman. He said the object of the gathering was to devise ways and means to make the world at large appreciate the value of corn as food and for other uses. He showed the average annual value of the corn product of the United States was more than 18 times that of the silver product and seven times the value of the combined output of gold and silver and equal to the combined product of wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes.

AFTER WARNER'S PLACE.

There are Others Who Want to Go to Congress.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 16.—The Congressional contest in this district has already begun in earnest. Benjamin F. Funk of Bloomington, ex-congressman, has for months been recognized as a candidate for the Republican nomination. Today another Republican McLean county candidate appeared in the person of John A. Sterling of this city. Vespasian Warner of De Witt county, present congressman, is a candidate for re-election, and it is certain that Senator Dunlap of Champaign will be a candidate. Sterling is 40 years old, is a lawyer, and has been state's attorney of this county.

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The 77 acres of land in Blue Mound township belonging to Elijah Bunday were sold Saturday through the agency of P. H. Brueck to Thomas P. Mathews for $3000.

Democrats.

The Illinois state Democratic convention will be held at Springfield May 17.

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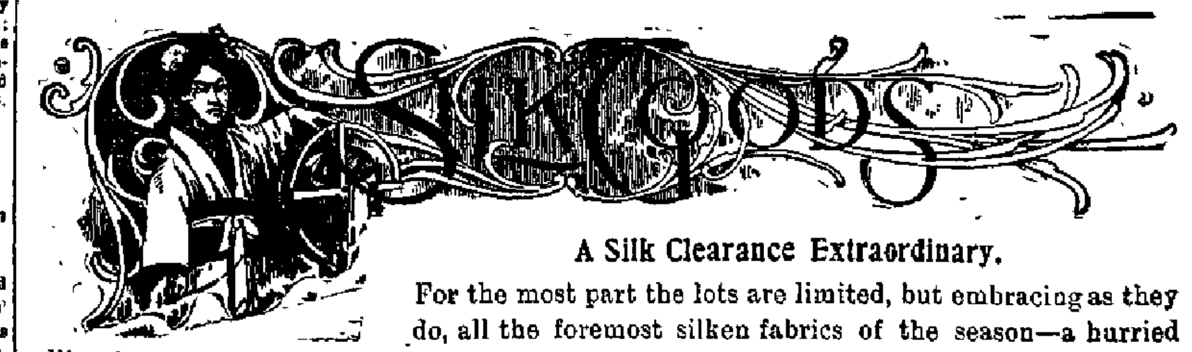

A Silk Clearance Extraordinary.

For the most part the lots are limited, but embracing as they do, all the foremost silken fabrics of the season—a hurried selling is anticipated. All the odds and ends, all the short pieces and scores of full pieces—grouped together in seven lots and marked at seven bargain figures—arranged on The Front Bargain Square—ready for your choosing. **We advise an early visit in the interest of a better assortment.**

Lot 1. A good assortment of Fancy Figured Silks—medium effects—especially suitable for waists and trimmings—sold to 45c a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
29c yd.

Lot 2. Fancy Checks and Bengalines—in plain colors—splendid patterns for waists—not a very large lot—worth to 75c a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
39c yd.

Lot 3. Black Moire Velour and Brocades—the season's choicest fabrics—only a small collection of these—worth 75c a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
49c yd.

Lot 4. Black Brocades and Fancy Figured Silks—desirable for waists and odd skirts—nice goods that readily sold at 75c and 85c a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
59c yd.

Lot 5. Fancy Brocades—irridescent effects—small and medium designs—sold up to $1.25 a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
79c yd.

Lot 6. Rich Brocades—chamelion effects—medium designs and colorings—suitable for waists or entire dresses. Worth $1.49 a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
$1.00 yd.

Lot 7. Rare Novelty Silks—handsome designs in dark effects—a small lot of odd pieces that have sold upwards to $2.25 a yard. For the Big Silk Clearance—
$1.25 yd.

Closing the old---Opening the new---is the programme in Decatur's Most popular Dress Goods Section. This lapping of the seasons is harvest time for the bargain hunter. Strong assortments of choice winter materials, good for several months yet---all to be pushed out at something like half rates. Great lots of Fresh, New Fabrics—just here from representative looms of this and foreign lands—all marked at a shade of profit as an incentive to early buying. We'll have a carnival of low price selling, the like of which you've never seen before. **Better arrange to take part in the money saving.**

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At 12 1-2c yd. A goodly assortment of choice dress materials—suitable for early spring wear—mostly plaids and similar patterns—an interesting collection of colors—all worth 19c a yard. Now they're marked—
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At 25c yd. Elegant showing of Scotch checks, bright vari-colored plaids, mixtures, Jacquards, Mohairs, etc.—light medium and dark effects—the best materials that we've seen at 39c. Now they're marked—
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At 50c yd. Fancy Checks, Tweeds and Mixtures, together with a special showing of Fine Serges in a score of fashionable colors—all new goods—been here less than a fortnight. Not exhibited elsewhere under 75c a yard. Now they're marked—
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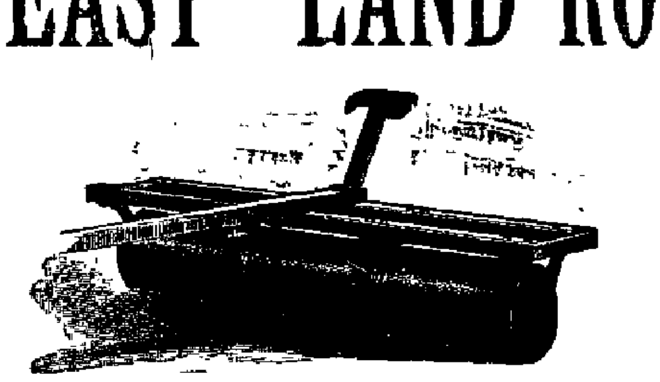

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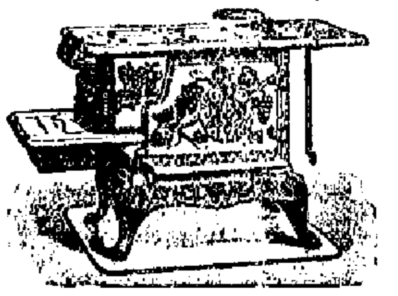

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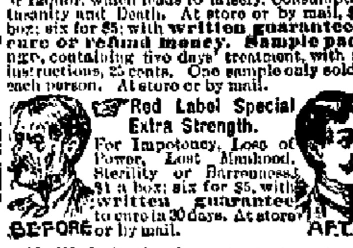

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Marion French has sold eighty acres of land, seven miles west of Wenona to Charley Palm for $75 per acre.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milligan Married 50 Years.

RARE EVENT AT NIANTIC

All Living Children in Attendance—Six Daughters and One Son—A Feast and Many Presents.

From the Daily of Friday.

A large and happy crowd gathered last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Milligan at Niantic in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary.

William Milligan and Jane Kizer were married in Christian county, near Mt. Auburn, February 10, 1848, 'Squire Goodrich officiating. They resided on a farm several years and then removed to Mt. Auburn. In 1868 they purchased T. A. Pritchett's residence in Niantic.

They lost a son six years of age many years ago and a married son, five years ago.

Their seven remaining children, six daughters and a son, were present last evening and the comment was made that six handsomer daughters and a handsomer son seldom fall to the lot of any couple. Mr. and Mrs. Milligan themselves are a handsome couple. The daughters are Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Collins of Chillicothe, Ohio; Mrs. A. T. Risley and Mrs. William Whitesides of Decatur, Mrs. William Pritchett and Mrs. William Jones of Niantic. The son is Marion Milligan of Mason City, Iowa. There were also present nine grandchildren and two great grand children, eight grand children and four great grand children being absent. Regrets were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Charles of New York city, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Erdmann of Chillicothe, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bargis of Birmingham, Kan., the ladies being grand daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Milligan.

Mrs. S. E. Kyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hendricks and Miss Goldie Porter were present from Decatur, Mr. Wood Hill from Chillicothe, Ohio, Mrs. Rhoda Sargeant and son from Macon, Mrs. Sargeant is Mrs. Milligan's sister. Fifty guests were present from Niantic.

A number of appropriate and elegant presents, nearly all in gold, were received and Elder Sunifer in a neat speech presented to the worthy couple $37 dollars from their children, nearly all being in gold.

The dining room decorations were all in gold, the table being beautifully ornamented with yellow ribbons and Marechal Neil roses. The banquet was an elegant one, served under the direction of the daughters. The guests returned home at a late hour feeling that the evening had been profitably spent and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Milligan many returns of their wedding anniversary.

A TRUE ARTIST.

H. J. Ehrhart, of Chicago, Presents Otto D. Weaver, Equilibrist.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Those who attended the T. P. A. minstrels at the Grand last night were highly pleased and somewhat surprised at the skillful performance of Mr. Weaver. As a hand leaper and equilibrist, Mr. Weaver has made for himself an enviable record. He has just returned from a six-months tour through the western states, meeting with great success. His audiences everywhere pronounce him a natural artist with unlimited possibilities.

Mr. Weaver has been secured by the Ringling Bros. Circus No. 2, for the next season, and will play throughout the eastern states. His performance last night was graceful and artistic, being greeted with great applause after each act. When seen by a reporter of the Republican, he said in his modest way: "I intend to play in the eastern states this summer with Ringling Bros. with whom I have signed contracts, closing with them about November and then will play the variety theatres in Chicago and New York. No, I do not want to work any show until then, although I have secured several contracts with different shows. I want to stay home and rest awhile as the strain on my arms and back is very great, especially in the one-arm plunge and jump from the pedestal. Yes, I am just as much at home on my hands as on my feet and could walk a great distance without becoming tired. I do not believe in copying from other performers and try to originate all my acts. My manager keeps me in constant practice and up-to-date work and I believe we will have a strong play for the next season."

He is a Decatur boy and his many friends are much pleased to hear of his wonderful rise.

AGAINST WATER METERS.

$15,000 to $20,000 Proposed to be Spent for No Local Good.

Eds. Republican:—The papers report that a new scheme is on foot to take $15,000 to $20,000 out of the citizens of Decatur and put it into the pockets of meter manufacturers and also report that this is to be done in the interest of the city. It would be the part of wisdom to look into this matter before trusting in all a traveling water meter salesman may have to say. Our people have so far taken meters because it saved them some on the water charge. But this salesman says the city must pass an ordinance forcing all water consumers to buy meters because the city would get more water rents. As those who now have meters report almost universally that it is a saving to them. Wherein is the city to be benefited. In this as in many other schemes presented to the city council by traveling solicitors the only benefits of the passage of such an ordinance would be those received by the firms of meter dealers and the plumbers here who put them in. Property owners would be out the $15,000 or $20,000 sent away from home and the additional amount paid here. The cost of the meters being only about one-half cost of putting them in, as those who have done so have already found out, and the city would lose one-half of its water rents. Why not let this matter stand as it is. Keep the money at home and let the meter venders hunt victims elsewhere.

John A. Brown.

CLAY COUNTY TRAGEDY.

Retention of Stock Causes Murder and Injury to Other Men.

Olney, Ill., Feb. 11.—In a shooting affray near Orchardsville, Clay county, yesterday, George B. Ellis was killed by Fred Helm. Ellis' son was shot in the arm and a brother of Helm was shot in the neck. The trouble arose over the impounding of some stock by Helm. Ellis started to swear out a warrant for Helm's arrest, and a meeting occurred. Six shots were exchanged. Ellis died instantly. The two men who were wounded are in a serious condition. Helm, his father and two brothers, were arrested. The men are prosperous farmers.

The Lattimer Riot Trial.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 12.—In the Sheriff Martin trial today one of the witnesses testified that the sheriff flourished his revolver in the faces of the rioters but did not shoot. Some of his deputies shouted "fire" and the shooting commenced. Adjourned until Monday.

SETTLING UP.

Executive Committee Farmers' Institute Meets.

WILL HAVE A BALANCE

On Hand for Next Year—Institute was Most Successful Financially Ever Held in the County.

From the Daily of Saturday.

The members of the executive committee of the Macon County Farmers' Institute held a meeting in the office of the county clerk this afternoon. The purpose of the meeting was to settle up all claims against the institute. The institute this year was more successful from a financial standpoint than any ever held here in previous years. The total amount received from the sale of produce on exhibit was $147.59. The amount received from advertising was $65.25, making the total receipts $212.84. The expenses were $139.26 leaving a balance on hand if $73.58. The institute will receive from the state $50 and this will make over $100 that the institute will have on hand to begin work next year.

One matter which the committee had to decide today was the question as to who was to receive that prize for the largest pumpkin. Ottenheimer and Co. offered a $2 hat for the largest pumpkin exhibited. While the institute was in session the committee having in charge the awarding of the exhibits put the blue ribbon on a pumpkin exhibited by Mr. Sensenbaugh of Oakley, thinking that the prize was for the best pumpkin. It was afterward learned by the judges that the prize was for the largest and not for the best pumpkin and the award changed to a pumpkin exhibited by Samuel Weaver. It is claimed by some that the pumpkin exhibited by Mr. Weaver was not a pumpkin but was a squash, so on account of the change made by the judges the matter was left with the executive committee. That body at their meeting this afternoon confirmed the action of the judges and allowed the $2 hat to Mr. Weaver and also awarded $1 to Mr. Sensenbaugh.

UNDER THE CARS

Chester Wood Run Over by a Freight Train.

HIS FOOT WAS CUT OFF

Dr. Dixon was Called and the Boy Taken to His Home on Central Avenue—He was a Son of F. W. Wood.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Chester Wood, the 18 year old son of F. W. Wood, met with a serious accident at 3 o'clock this afternoon. He was jumping on and off a freight train at the William street crossing of the Illinois Central railroad when he fell under the wheels and his left foot was cut off. Dr. Dixon was called to give him surgical attention. The patrol wagon was sent for and the boy will be taken to his parents' home on Central avenue.

There were several other boys playing with Wood on the railroad when he was injured. He was taken into the Caldwell coal office while the doctor dressed his wounds.

HE KNEW LINCOLN

An Old Settler Tells About the Great Statesman.

WHILE HE WAS A YOUNG MAN

Willis Johnson Hired Lincoln to Try a Case — Reminiscences of the Illinois Hero Suggested by His Birthday.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Today is the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday and it will be celebrated to some extent in this city. The day is one which should be observed in Decatur, for in several ways is the city associated with Lincoln. The great statesman lived as a young man near this city and is said to have made his first speech near the square which now bears his name. As a lawyer he visited Decatur every term of court and tried cases in the old brick court house.

There is one man in Decatur, Willis Johnson, Sr., who, with the exception of E. McClellan, is probably the only man now living in the city who knew and remembers Lincoln as a young man. Mr. Johnson in speaking to a reporter said:

"I knew Lincoln well when I was a young man and remember many incidents in connection with him. I recollect a law suit I had in 1837. It was a suit about a lot which is situated at the northeast corner of North Main and North streets and it was tried in the old brick court house. I employed Abraham Lincoln to act as my attorney and we lost the suit. After the suit I asked Lincoln how much he was going to charge me and he said he would just let it go and not charge me anything. Lincoln was a lively and jolly man and one of the best hearted persons I ever saw. If you owed him $9 and he thought that you needed it worse than he did he would not let you pay it back. He was awkward, ill shaped and terribly ugly, but he was very smart and witty and he could tell funny stories all night and keep a crowd laughing.

"Lincoln came here from Kentucky with his parents. The family drove in a wagon and went out west of the city and settled on what has recently been known as the Whitley place. Lincoln made his first speech in Decatur. There was a candidate for the legislature who was not liked very well. He was to make a speech and in order to ridicule him Lincoln, who was so awkward and ugly, was selected to make a speech also. Lincoln talked about the navigation of the Sangamon river and he displayed more ability as an orator than was supposed he possessed. Lincoln went from this county to Springfield and there practiced law. Court was in session here every six months and Lincoln would come to the city at every term and try cases. This was when court was held in the old brick court house. I never knew of Lincoln having anything to do with the old log house which has sometimes been associated with him."

Mrs. Johnson also remembers Lincoln quite well and tells an amusing incident about him. In speaking of the man she said: "I remember of riding in a lumber wagon with Lincoln. We were all at the farm of John Hanks northwest of the city and several other women and myself drove in town in the wagon with Lincoln. Abe had on a pair of mixed jeans pants which were so tight that he could *hardly* walk. He was sitting on a chair in the front part of the wagon driving the horses. When he came to Steven's creek and we started to ford it, Abe's chair slipped and he fell over the dash board. He was good natured about the accident and laughed and joked about it."

Willis Johnson, Sr., has been in Macon county longer than any other man excepting Mr. McClellan. Mr. Johnson came here in 1837 and Mr. McClellan came a year or two earlier.

Real Estate Deal.

Moweaqua Republican: J. F. Smith sold his farm of 120 acres, to Allen Rakestraw for $70 per acre, and bought a farm near Macon of Mr. Rakestraw containing 90 acres, at $90 per acre. They will exchange places on March 1st. This will give Mr. Smith the benefit of being nearer to railroad facilities. He will still continue to do real estate business both here and at Macon, but it will be on a larger scale than heretofore.

Fire at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 12.—The Hoyt building, a large five story brick structure, occupied by stores and various manufacturing concerns, was burned this morning. Loss $360,000.

The following are the chief losses: Buckeye Wolff company, $100,000; Hexter and Weathim, $50,000; A. L. Bassett and Co., $60,000; V. Hausman, $20,000; H. C. Lane and Co., $25,000; Hoyt estate on building, $30,000.

Bank Statement.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—The weekly bank statement (five days) shows the reserve decreased $2,345,000. The banks hold $32,430,000 in excess of legal requirements.

Carbondale Odd Fellows will dedicate their new hall February 22.

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A Woman Saved.

A CASE OF INTEREST TO EVERY WOMAN.

Mrs. Henry Younghans Tells a Story of Suffering and How She Was Cured.

From the Evening News, Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Henry Younghans, of Detroit, Mich., who resides at 1003 Grand River Avenue, said: "Ever since our last little one came I was an invalid. For years I have had the most painful experience and would have to lie down most of the time. After the last baby was born I was unable to attend to my housework. I could hardly stand up and had dizzy spells. I wanted to sleep all the time and was treated by several of the best physicians. I would have the most fearful cramp, for which hot applications were used. I used these hot applications until I blistered myself severely.

"Before our child was born, I had been a strong, healthy woman and was scarcely ever sick. After he was born I grew weak and thin, and received scarcely any help from the medicine left by the doctors. They said I was not properly cared for and that the baby was too strong for me. My back seemed to be breaking and I was scarcely ever without a severe headache. Could not tell you how many different prescriptions I have taken, but every doctor had a different plan of treating my case. I wore supports and laid for weeks with my limbs elevated, but without avail. One day my husband suggested that I try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, as he had read several articles in the paper about women who had been helped by them. I was discouraged and thought I must always be an invalid, but said I would try them after I had taken the bottle of medicine I was then using.

"A few days after he brought me in a box and asked me to give them a trial. I started taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People that day and put the other medicine away, thinking it would please him if I tried the pills. Before I had taken one box I felt better. My husband noticed the improvement and bought two more boxes. I kept on using them until I had taken four boxes, and I was entirely cured.

"I keep them in the house now and use them occasionally, as they are a great help to all women. You would not have known me two years ago. What I am to-day is owing to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

(Signed) MRS. H. YOUNGHANS.

Mrs. H. Younghans, being duly sworn, states that she has read the above and that it is true in every particular.

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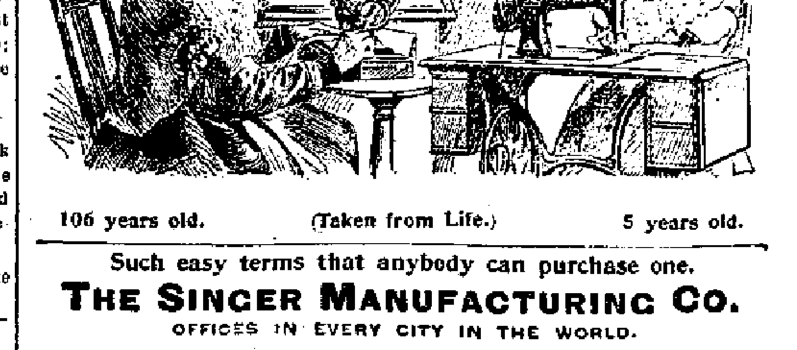

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LOCAL NEWS.

On the 26th "The Specter Knight" opera company will be presented by Decatur vocal talent at Monticello.

G. M. Webster of Decatur and M. H. Lushbaugh of Mt. Pulaski have taken charge of the Spitley house at Lincoln.

Maroa's new postmaster will take charge some time before March 1. Mr. Shipley will serve his full term of four years.

E. Perring of Rantoul and Frank Gulick of Champaign, went south this week to buy suitable land for stock raising in the vicinity of Memphis and Vicksburg, Tenn.

R. V. Mallory has received an engrossed copy of resolutions of sympathy on the death of his child, passed at Springfield by J. L. Camp, No. 4, Sons of Veterans, of which Mr. Mallory is a member.

John VanCleve of the Sangamon school, has received from State Superintendent Inglis a state license as instructor to visit institutes during the summer months and teach pedagogues and pupils.

Thursday Constable John Lloyd sold 80 acres of corn in the field near the Garver church. W. J. Magee had a rent claim against the corn for $9.50 and the entire field sold only for $80. It was bought by Emanuel Storr.

On Thursday J. M. Dawson sold at public auction at his farm, five miles southeast of the city all of his stock and farming implements. The sale was the largest that has been held in Wheatland township for several years. The farming implements brought almost unheard of prices and the stock sold fairly well. The horses brought from $65 to $96 and the cattle from $30 to $60. Colonel Knight of Harristown, was the auctioneer.

COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

A Teachers' Meeting Will be Held on February 26 -- Central Examinations.

Superintendent Keller will hold a teachers meeting on meeting on February 26, at his office in the court house. The following will be the program:

Music—Prof. Westhoff.
Drawing—Miss Cutler.
Class Work—Miss Mary Brooks.
Climate and Winds—Miss Ollie Nichols.
Proposition, Connection and Interjection—W. J. Kelly.
Zoology—A. A. Jones

During the past week Mr. Keller held examinations at the Macon, Walker, Ocean Wave and Elwin schools. The examinations were for pupils in the eighth and tenth grades.

ABOUT THAT LOAN.

The Mayor Says He Will Not Accept Any Interest from the City.

From the Daily of Saturday.

It has been stated that Mayor Taylor was to receive interest on the $5000 which he loaned to the city to tide over the present financial embarrassment, but as a matter of fact the mayor has refused positively to accept any interest on the loan. In speaking of the matter Mr. Taylor said that he never wanted any interest and would not accept it and if the city insisted on his taking the money he would accept it and then turn it over to some of the charitable organizations to be used for the poor.

Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.
Foley's Honey and Tar gives quick and positive relief to all cases. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The Sheriff Broke Down.

From the Daily of Saturday.

At the close of the hanging of James Mingle for child murder at Springfield yesterday, Sheriff Baxter, who performed his duties thoroughly, broke down. The State Journal says: "The sheriff, who had conducted himself with remarkable nerve through the trying ordeal, was overcome at its conclusion and burst into tears. 'It certainly went off nicely,' he said in broken accents, in reply to a friendly handshake. I held my nerve but it's a hard job to do. The only thing now that weakens me is my friends congratulating me. That hurts worst of all.'"

Fatality of Croup.
Statistics show that thousands of infants and children yearly die of membranous croup. We do not exaggerate when we state that every one of these innocents could have been saved had Foley's Honey and Tar been given in time. Can you afford to be without it in your household? H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

A Peculiar Coincidence.

A peculiar coincidence happened a few days ago which affects a railroad man and a Catholic priest. J. T. Foley is the name of a well known agent of the Vandalia road. Recently there appeared in a St. Louis paper an article stating that Father J. T. Foley had been appointed rector of one of the Catholic churches. The name and initials of the priest are exactly the same as the railroad man. A fact which made the incident even more amusing was that the picture of the priest was given in the newspaper and it is also a good likeness of Mr. Foley, the railroad man. Both are smooth faced and both wear glasses and according to the picture in the newspaper both look very much alike. The matter has been the source of considerable amusement to the friends of Mr. Foley.

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ARE QUEER DUCKS

Monticello School Directors Open to Criticism.

BAR WASHINGTON'S PICTURE

From the School Rooms—Action Severely Condemned by All Patriotic Citizens in Piatt County.

From the Daily of Thursday.

We have it from authentic authority that the usually enterprising and patriotic city of Monticello, over in Piatt county, not far away, has a queer lot of directors as members of the board of education. They need fixing or early retirement to private life.

Some weeks ago the patriotic ladies of the Monticello Woman's club decided that they would procure a handsomely framed portrait of George Washington, the first president of the United States, and have it given a place of honor on the wall of one of the rooms of the public school building. It was a very laudable and praiseworthy undertaking, and it was with highly commendable enthusiasm that the members of the club went ahead to arrange for the placing of the picture with appropriate exercises on Washington's birthday, planning also to hang up a picture of Lincoln on the emancipator's birthday.

But it seems that the members of the school board had to be consulted—asked if the Woman's club could present the Washington picture and hold the proposed exercises. It was also asked that the children of the school be given a full holiday on the 22nd. The board met and considered the proposition, with the result that a majority of the board voted in the negative, and so the picture of Washington was not only "turned to the wall," but kicked out of the Monticello school building.

Naturally the members of the Woman's club are much disappointed. They feel that patriotism is apparently at a very low ebb, all because of the activity of a Democratic member of the board who argued early and late against the petition of the ladies, claiming that the hanging of the portrait would make holes in the walls (said walls being unfinished) and that the picture if displayed would "detract the attention of the children from their studies." Think of that! Absurd, isn't it?

There are seven members of the board and yet they voted against George Washington.

To the credit of the Monticello Woman's club be it said, they will not let the matter rest. They are in the right and they and their friends will fight it out to the end if they have to rally in force at several school board elections. And they will win.

In the meantime the ladies will hang the Washington picture in their club rooms on February 22. They will have the proposed exercises, appropriate addresses, music and refreshments. And they will entertain their husbands, the school teachers and other friends. There will be a tasteful display of flags and the singing of patriotic songs will be a feature of the evening.

It should be added that the school board voted to grant the school children a half day holiday on the 22nd. They thought the proposed exercises would afford the public an opportunity to note how the children were progressing in music, but they could not accept the picture because it would cause holes to be made in the unfinished wall.

There ought to be a hot time at the next school election.

CALLED HOME.

Death of Mrs. Jacob Hanes After a Long Illness.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Mrs. Martha Hanes, wife of Jacob Hanes, passed away in death last evening at 5:15 o'clock at the family residence No. 744 West Main street, caused by stomach trouble. She had been ill for about five years, and she had been in a serious condition since last December.

Martha Arthur was born near Springfield, Ohio, on March 24, 1840. Her youth and young maidenhood were spent at the home of her father, the late Joseph Arthur, with whom she remained until her marriage to Jacob Hanes on December 24, 1863. In 1868 she removed with her husband to Macon county, the two taking up their residence on a farm near Forsyth. In 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Hanes removed to Decatur, where they have since resided. Deceased leaves, besides a husband, five children: Mrs. Arthur Flood of Chicago, Mrs. J. S. Stoutenborough of Maroa, Arthur Hanes of Austin township, Harold Hanes of Forsyth and Chester Hanes of Decatur. She also leaves one sister, Mrs. Margaret Miller of Springfield, Ohio, and four brothers, John, George and Samuel Arthur of Springfield, Ohio, and Joseph Arthur of Decatur.

Death Came at Last.

John Thomas, who was taken to Allegheny, Pa., two weeks ago by his son, Frank Thomas, died in that city February 6, and was buried Tuesday. John Thomas was a well known Decatur citizen. A number of years ago he conducted the Thomas House, a hotel on East Main street. Mr. Thomas made a great deal of money, but he did not hold on to it. He became needy, and for 20 years his son did not know of his condition. Two weeks ago the son came to Illinois and hunted up his father. He boarded him at the St. Nicholas until he went back east and on arriving home put his father in a good hospital. The old gentleman had every comfort of life in his last days.

N. L. PRATHER.

N. L. Prather, an old settler of Macon county and former resident of Long Creek, died last Saturday at Elbridge, Tenn. He is well known in this country. The death was caused by pneumonia.

LIFE AT PALM BEACH.

Mr. Powers and Family—Joe Jefferson Fishing.

These notes of local interest are taken from the Palm Beach (Florida) News of February 7:

Hon. Orlando Powers has purchased another naphtha launch, the Idle Hour, for a pleasure boat which they run on the lake and ocean, enjoying fishing and hunting nearly every day. They are enthusiastic fishermen, and never return home without a fine string of the finny tribe. Joseph Jefferson, who played "Rip Van Winkle" in Mr. Powers' own Grand opera house at Decatur a month ago will enjoy a fishing excursion in his launch in a few days, and expects to break all records while here

A D Ehrman, one of the leading business men of Terre Haute, Ind, entertained Prof. Charles Kerney of Indianapolis, at dinner last evening at the Palm Beach Inn. The officers and waiters of the hotel recognized Mr Kerney with delight, as he spent the season with them last summer at Virginia Hot Springs. Mrs. Kerney's father, Hon Orlando Powers, the millionaire capitalist of Decatur, Ill., recognizing the fact that there is no place like home, has leased, for the entire season, "Fleur D'Eau," one of the most elegantly furnished Lake Worth cottages, just south of Commodore C J Clarke's mansion. Mr. Powers is comfortably settled with his children and grand children, among whom are Prof. and Mrs. Charles Kerney and child, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Powers and child and Mr. Howard Powers of Decatur, besides a large number of servants brought from the far north, which complete the family circle. They are very pleasant cottagers to meet. Mr. Powers' little grand daughter, Charlotte, is voted the most charming and attractive belle among the visitors. She masters two languages—though only three years old. Everybody is excited with pleasure and admiration to watch the child—how she talks to her deaf mute parents, Mr and Mrs. Kerney.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HANES

Held This Afternoon at the Residence and was Largely Attended.

From the Daily of Friday.

The funeral of Mrs. Jacob Hanes was held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from her late residence, No. 744 West Main street and was largely attended. There were a large number of floral offerings. The services were conducted by Rev. W. C. Miller, pastor of the First Congregational church, who preached the funeral sermon. The music was rendered by a choir composed of Miss Hattie Childs, Mrs. Adolph Mueller, Bert Ghor and C. W. Montgomery. The selections given were "Asleep in Jesus," "Rock of Ages" and a chant, "Come Unto Me."

The burial was at the Boiling Springs cemetery northwest of the city. There was a brief service at the grave. The pall bearers were J. S. Childs, C Lewis, L. S. Schroll, D. Gulick, Charles Buehl and James Millikin.

DEATH OF MRS. MORTON.

The Oldest Sister of Mrs. E. C. Roach of This City.

From the Daily of Friday.

Mrs. L A Morton died on Thursday afternoon at her home in Russellville, Ky., aged 94 years. Mrs Morton was the oldest sister of Mrs. Ellen C. Roach of 304 West North street. The funeral services were held this afternoon from her late residence at Russellville, Ky.

Found Her Purse.

Some time ago mention was made of the fact that Dr. A F. Wilhelmy had received a letter from the Fair, the big store at Chicago, stating that a purse containing a prescription written by him was found in the store. The prescription was enclosed in the letter and he was asked to give the name, if possible, of the person for whom he wrote it. The doctor could not remember at the time who he had written the prescription for, but later on when he was called to attend Mrs. Millspaugh she told of the loss of her purse in Chicago and of the fact that it contained one of the doctor's prescriptions. Through this coincidence the purse was recovered. It contained $6 in money and some papers which were of considerable value to the owner.

Injured at School.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Carl Wise, the young son of Henry B Wise, received a painful injury while playing in the yard of the Wood street school yesterday. The children were running up and down the school yard and Carl ran into a boy who was running from the opposite direction. Their heads bumped together and a gash two inches long was cut in Carl's forehead. The side of the face was also severely bruised. Dr. Everett J. Brown dressed the injuries, taking several stitches in the cut, which was deep and bled profusely.

Released from the Asylum.

Henry Long, a young man residing near Moweaqua, who was adjudged insane and sent to Kankakee last July, was this week pronounced cured by the authorities at the asylum and sent home.

A Call.

Hon. J. A. Clemens of Charleston has received a call from the Christian church at Arcola. Rev. Clemens is a young minister of ability and has a reputation as an evangelist.

PAHMEYER-WIKOFF

Marriage Took Place Last Evening.

BOTH ARE WELL KNOWN

In This City—Other Weddings Which Occurred in Decatur Last Night.

From the Daily of Thursday.

Miss Laura B. Wikoff and Mr. Frederick Pahmeyer were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, P. M Wikoff of West Decatur street at 8 o'clock last evening. The ceremony was performed in the presence of 16 guests by the Rev. Marcus Wagner, pastor of St. Paul's German Lutheran church. The wedding was most quiet and unostentatious in every respect. The house was decorated simply but tastefully in cut flowers, palms and smilax. In the parlors American beauty roses, azaleas, marguerites, palms, and smilax were used. The decorations in the dining room were pink and white carnations and smilax. The bride and groom stood in the front parlor before a bank of green foliage during the ceremony, which was most simple and devoid of unnecessary form. Immediately following the ceremony a wedding supper was served.

The bride was dressed in a gown of lavender brocade silk with cut steel and velvet trimmings and carried bride's roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Pahmeyer will reside at the Pahmeyer residence at 487 West Decatur street which has been handsomely refurnished and refitted.

Mr. Pahmeyer is the well known cigar manufacturer and has many warm friends. Mrs. Pahmeyer has long been identified with the work of the Woman's club and many other organizations in a prominent manner and is a woman of much refinement and cultured tastes.

OTHER WEDDINGS.

At the home of L. F. Kyle at 944 North Broadway Harry Hainline of Normal and Mrs Christine Kyle of this city were married by Rev. Frost Craft of the First Methodist church. The wedding was a quiet affair, only L. F. Kyle and his wife being witnesses to the affair. Mr. and Mrs. Hainline will leave Saturday for Normal where they will make their home.

W. H. Brunner and Miss Ida May Hornstein, both of this city, were married Wednesday evening, February 9, at the Grace Methodist church parsonage by Rev. Dr. Gillmore. The couple will reside at 1125 North Jordan street.

THE NEW SOUTH.

Capt. Ed Anderson Says Alabama is All Right.

From the Daily of Friday.

Capt. Ed. Anderson, formerly in business at Illiopolis and at Atwood, is in the city visiting Dr. D. O Abram. Captain Anderson's home is at Ft. Payne, DeKalb county, Alabama, to which point he removed nine years ago. He now represents the Anderson Emigrant and Farm Agency, and is here to interest Decatur people in Alabama farming lands, which can be had at $2 to $25 per acre. There are 1000 negroes in DeKalb county and 29,000 white people, and the county is 400 Republican. It was 600 Democratic nine years ago, but the Republicans made steady gains. Captain Anderson is a veteran of the 22d Wisconsin regiment and has been chairman of the DeKalb county Republican central committee. He and his assistants wiped out the Democratic office-holders, and now everything is all right. The people never have a crop failure; average temperature 64, never higher than 90; rains frequent; population increasing rapidly, and the country always attractive. Captain Anderson will be in the city until Monday or Tuesday. He has with him samples of Alabama products.

WARBURTON BROUGHT HOME

Sheriff Nicholson Returned with the Prisoner Yesterday Afternoon.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Sheriff Nicholson returned home yesterday afternoon from Minneapolis with Harry Warburton, the young man is charged with having stolen $1000 from his mother. It was stated that Warburton was willing to return home without extradition papers, but the sheriff did not take any chances and before going to Minneapolis he went to Springfield and got the necessary papers. The young man when arrested was working in the street car stables and was learning to be a motorman on the electric car line. He did not have much to say to the sheriff in regard to the charges against him. Warburton left this city about a month ago in company with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith. The two men did not get along very well together and separated when they reached Minneapolis.

LAND MARK GONE.

Old Elm Tree at Mt. Zion Academy Cut Down.

From the Daily of Saturday.

Another old land mark in Mt. Zion is gone. One of the gigantic old white elm trees that stood by the branch below the old seminary building has been cut down. The school directors thought it necessary to do this, as the tree appeared to be dangerous for the children to play under on account of so many dead limbs in its top. Hundreds of people in various parts of the country, who have attended school at the old academy will remember this old tree. It has been the "play-house" among its gnarled and huge old roots for several generations of school children and it was with genuine regret that many people witnessed its destruction. The stump of the old giant measured three feet eight inches in diameter and about 11 feet in circumference. It had about 140 rings, which are said to indicate its age to be about the same number of years. The tree appears quite sound at the base. Its tough old trunk and limbs are being worried up into stove wood for Supervisor W. L. Riber. "Peace be to its ashes." Two other old elm trees and two oaks are still standing.

BIG DAMAGE CASE.

Mrs. Cole Wants $15,000 for Apparent Loss of One Eye.

From the Daily of Friday.

Dr. S. J. Bumstead was called to Monticello yesterday as a witness for the defense in the case of Cole vs. Brown. The case is a peculiar one, there being but one other suit of this nature ever brought in the courts of Piatt county. Mrs. Cole, the wife of a young farmer living near Monticello, is suing a Mr. Brown for damages to the sum of $15,000 for an injury to her eye which she received while driving along the road in company with her husband about two months ago. Mr. Brown had trimmed his hedge and allowed the trimmings to lie along the side of the road, which is not permitted by law. The front wheel of the buggy ran over a branch and the end flew back, striking Mrs Cole in the eye. She claims her injuries are permanent, that she will lose the use of the eye and will be incapacitated in the performance of her duties.

After an examination Dr. Bumstead testified that although the eye was badly injured he did not believe the sight entirely destroyed and that as the wound healed the cataract which was developed because of the injury would gradually be consumed by the secretions of the eye and the sight partially restored. When the doctor left to return home there were yet a number of witnesses to be examined and the case will not go to the jury until this afternoon. Attorney I. R. Mills is representing the plaintiff.

Appointed Labor Commissioner.

L. W. Fribourg, the cigarmaker of this city, has been appointed by Governor Tanner as a member of the board of commissioners of labor. The appointment has been confirmed by the state senate. There is no salary attached to the position, but when in actual service the members of the board receive full pay. The board of commissioners of labor is a body which settles and arbitrates all labor troubles in the state. Mr. Fribourg is now in Arkansas on a visit and has not yet received notification of his appointment. The other members of the board are P. B. Donnelly of Springfield, Randolph Smith of Flora, D. W. Kelliger of Pana and S. M. Dalzell of Spring Valley.

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Will of Mrs. Trull.

The will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Trull was probated Friday. All of the estate goes to the grand children, Annie E. Cool, Charles D. Cool, Sadie T. Dean, and Arthur and R. E. Dean, in equal shares. W. C. Outten is guardian of those of the heirs who are under age. J. N. Cool was named as executor. The estate consists of cash and notes to the amount of $1500.

Pardon Board Adjourned.

Harry M. Wheeler, who has been making an effort to have Jack Faunce pardoned, has received a letter from R. A. Lemon, chairman of the state pardon board. The letter states that on account of the action of the grand jury the board has continued Faunce's case until the April meeting, so that the board will know the result of the trial.

Applicants for Pension.

There were six applicants for pensions filed at the meeting of the pension board last week. They were, for original pension, John Glosor, Emery; Joel Adamson, Maroa; for increase, Elberry G. Covault, Maroa, Isaiah Corvan, Buffalo, and Reuben S. Zeigler, Maroa.

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THAT REVOLVER

Statement from State's Attorney Giving Facts.

Details of What was Done Before and During the Trial of Jack Faunce—Copies of Letters.

From the Daily of Monday.

The following is a statement given to the public by State's Attorney Mills in reference to the revolver with which Mat McKinley was killed on the night of July 3, 1889:

So many reports have been circulated in relation to the revolver that was found in the alley on the night that Mat McKinley was killed, that I have, in justice to the officers connected with the prosecution of Faunce, been induced to make this public statement.

As I understand it, these reports cover the following points:

1. That the real revolver that was found, was not produced on the trial of Faunce.

2. That the revolver that was found, had the name of Joe Mauzy upon it, or at least some special marks by which it was or could be identified as his revolver

3. That the revolver now in the possession of Coroner Bendure, is not the revolver found in the alley, but is longer and not so heavy.

I will say that I will give $100 to charity for sufficient proof to satisfy Mr. Urea of the truthfulness of either of the above propositions

On the night of the murder a boy by the name of Skimmerhorn found a revolver in the alley near the place of the shooting, this boy turned this revolver over to Officer Ed Leach who kept it until morning, when it went into the hands of Coroner Bendure. This statement is based on what I was told about the revolver on the morning following the murder.

On the morning following the murder the revolver was brought to my office by Coroner Bendure. I then took the number of the revolver, which was 88,807, and instituted an immediate search among the local dealers with a hope to find the person to whom it had been sold. The records of these dealers were thoroughly searched, but a record of the purchase or sale of this revolver could not be found. As soon after the coroner's inquest as my time would permit I wrote to the Smith & Wesson factory in Massachusetts for information as to when and to whom they had sold this revolver, giving the number and description of it Soon afterward I received the following letter:

"Springfield, Massachusetts, July 29, 1889—I. R. Mills, Esq., Decatur, Illinois. Dear Sir: Respecting your inquiry of July 19, we beg to say our double action revolver 88,807 was shipped from factory October 3, 1883, to Messrs. Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co, Chicago Yours truly, Smith & Wesson."

On the receipt of this letter, I immediately wrote the following letter to Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co:

"Decatur, Illinois, July 31, 1889 — Messrs Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co, Chicago, Ill Gentlemen: On October 3, 1883, Smith & Wesson of Springfield, Massachusetts, sold to you a double action 38 revolver, No 88,807, of their make. It has become necessary for me as state's attorney of Macon county, Illinois, to trace the individual owner of this revolver on the night of July 3, 1889, in order to fix the identity of the person who committed a murder in our city that night. I would be under many obligations to you if you would inform me to whom you sold this revolver and the date upon which it was sold. I hope through this means to trace the ownership that night Hoping to hear from you at your earliest convenience I have the pleasure of being, Truly Yours, I R Mills, State's Attorney"

In answer to this letter I received the following reply:

"Chicago, July 31, 1889 I. R. Mills, Esq., State's Attorney, Decatur, Illinois Dear Sir We regret that we could not answer your letter more promptly We have been engaged in searching our records and find that we cannot give you the necessary information The revolver was evidently sold by us between October 3, 1883, and January 1, 1884, as we did not open our record books until the latter date, and the revolver does not appear upon these books. We are very sorry we cannot help you out. Yours truly, Hibbard, Spencer, Bartlett & Co

As the revolver now in the possession of Coroner Bendure and the one he lately produced let in the grand jury is numbered 88 807 this correspondence that took place at once after the murder in connection with the positive statement of Mr. Bendure that on the night of the murder he took the number of the revolver and that it has been in his possession constantly since that night or the following morning should set at rest the question as to whether the revolver now in Mr Bendure's possession [illegible] found in the alley at least [illegible] that Mr Leach turned over [illegible] ver that was found in the alley

Upon the question as to whether the revolver that was found in the alley was produced on the trial of Faunce, or was changed for a lighter and longer one I would say that Mr. Bendure produced this very same revolver on the trial and it was constantly in the trial from the beginning to the end, open to the inspection of any one who wanted to see it.

As Officer Ed. Leach seems to be the authority for the rumor that the revolver produced upon the trial was not the revolver found in the alley, and that the revolver found in the alley was shorter and heavier than the one produced on the trial I submit here a question and answer from the testimony of Mr. Leach on the trial of Faunce furnished me by the court reporter who reported the case:

"Q. You may examine this revolver I show you, and state whether it was a revolver like that, that you turned over to Officer Mason.

"A That is the revolver, I know it by the nicks in it"

This testimony of Officer Leach, taken with the statement of Officer Bendure would satisfy the most incredulous that the revolver used on the Faunce trial was the same revolver found in the alley, and that the officers are not justly chargeable with using a different revolver in order to shield a guilty person and convict an innocent man.

The rumor that the name of Joe Mauzy was on the revolver found in the alley and that it was cut off or that any of the numbers on the revolver were changed is as vicious as it is false. The present condition of the revolver is absolute proof that no such changes were ever made in it. The number appears at three different places in the metal of the revolver and could not be removed without so disfiguring it as to make it apparent.

Whether the revolver found was ever owned or possessed by Joe Mauzy, is a question the approaching trial may solve. If it can be proven that it was it will be a point against him. Any person that has any information on that question should disclose it to the prosecution.

I submit the foregoing statement, letters and evidence to show that in the trial of Faunce, there was absolute fairness in relation to the revolver and that these rumors have no real foundation.

I. R. MILLS.

HANGED HIMSELF

Edward J. Crawford, Living North of the City.

Shortly Before Noon To-Day—He is a Farmer Leaving a Wife and Two Children—Coroner was Called.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

Edward J. Crawford, a farmer living in Hickory Point township, four miles north of this city on the Bloomington road, committed suicide today. He hanged himself in the barn on his place.

He was found hanging in the barn shortly before noon today. As yet no cause for the deed has developed. Mr. Crawford was a well known farmer and had a wife and two children. Coroner Bendure was notified of the suicide this afternoon and left with Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure for the Crawford farm to hold the inquest The message to the coroner came from Forsyth and simply stated that a man had hanged himself.

INQUEST.

Held Yesterday Over the Body of the Late Edward J. Crawford.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held an inquest over the body of Edward J. Crawford, who committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn on a farm south of Forsyth. Three witnesses were examined. One was Mrs Ida Crawford, the wife of the deceased. She said that she found her husband hanging by the neck in the barn shortly before noon on Monday. She had been waiting dinner for him and went to find him Mrs. Crawford testified that her husband had been despondent since last December when he was disappointed in a land deal W. A. Parker, who cut the man down, and T. R. McIntosh, who removed the rope from his neck, both testified. The jury returned a verdict that Crawford had come to his death by hanging himself in his barn with suicidal intent while in a state of despondency. The jury was composed of the following Henry Mowry, foreman, G. B Butler, Charles Drury, F. B. Parkhurst, V. W Benton and J H Crookmur.

It appears that Mr. Crawford was greatly disappointed about a land deal He had determined to buy the Ewing farm which was sold at auction some time ago but was unable to make the purchase He had sold his own farm in order that he would have the money with which to purchase the other place He was greatly disappointed that his bids did not purchase the farm he wanted and he allowed himself to brood over the matter so much in fact that it is believed that his mind was unbalanced. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Crawford has lived in the vicinity of Forsyth for some time past and was well known and highly respected

POSTMASTER MORGAN.

Nominations Made by the President—Suspense at Rest.

Washington Feb 15.—The president have nominated the following postmasters Illinois—F C Krieder, Jacksonville, Philip Ruderberg, Mt Olive; J R Morgan, Maron, J. W Maginnis, Abingdon, D A Castle Wyoming, J. R. Marshal Yorkville.

In the Trust.

The Decatur Cracker factory is now in the Biscuit company trust Mr. A. W Conklin has large blocks of stock in the trust and will continue as manager of the flourishing Decatur industry.

Births.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. F A. Warnes of North Main street, on February 13, a son.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Cook, West Macon street, Saturday, February 13, at 10.20 p. m., a son.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

80th Birthday of Martyred President Observed.

Patriotic and Eulogistic Addresses by Postmaster Calhoun and Gen. Marden—Numbers by Mrs. Garrow and the Choir.

From the Daily of Monday.

The 80th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth was celebrated in a most fitting manner by the members of the G. A. R, the Sons of Veterans, Ladies' Aid society and Woman's Relief Corps, under the direction of the members of Col I. C. Pugh Camp, No. 14, S. of V., and the Ladies' Aid society, at the Grand Army post hall, on Saturday evening. The hall was crowded before the time for the opening of the program and extra chairs were placed in the aisles and around the platform for the later visitors. The hall was decorated with flags and on either side of the platform was placed a portrait of Lincoln draped in flags and surrounded by palms. At 8 30 o'clock Commander Harwood called the assemblage to order and the audience sang "America," which was followed by an eloquent and patriotic prayer by Rev. W. F. Gillmore. Dr W. F Calhoun made a brief but forcible and patriotic talk in which he said.

"If I could say anything that would turn the thoughts of the young men and women in the proper direction it would be to give to them as an example the life of Abraham Lincoln. The life history of Lincoln should stand as one of the greatest of lessons to the youth of America. Born and reared in poverty, his advantages were small and his opportunities limited, but he overcome all difficulties He was born with an unimpeachable honesty and his life was lived for a purpose; that purpose was to succeed as an American citizen. All his life he was governed by his loyalty to the flag of his government. He was not carried away by demagogues, was not influenced by prejudice. He stood as a sturdy oak against all blandishments of men. Lincoln's ancestry has been traced to one Levi Lincoln of Massachusetts, who was one of the first chosen to represent the people at the state assembly. He was made secretary of state and eventually became attorney general in the cabinet of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson, Lincoln and Madison believed in and promulgated the doctrines of state sovereignty, the exalting of the rights of the state over the government. When Jefferson, the promulgator of state sovereignty, went out of office on the 4th of March, 1809, Lincoln, who was forever to dissipate the dogma in America, had been born just 80 days. Lincoln was not controlled by sentiment, not up one day and down the next, but was always governed by his judgment, one of the important things young men should consider, especially the Sons of Veterans. Your fathers did not answer the call to defend their country because of any sentiment, or that they loved bloodshed, but because the integrity of the nation had been assailed. Even during the war there was a strong sentiment against Lincoln, but he could not afford to be carried away or influenced by sentiment. This was an example of how prejudice may err. Tonight as we celebrate the birthday of Lincoln we are proud that our country produced such a man. We believe him to be the peer of any man born on this great earth I lived when they called Lincoln a deserter and a traitor. I know the sentiment and prejudice that brought forth the man who took his life If Abraham Lincoln was alive today there is no man who would harm him. The firmness of Lincoln's judgment made him the man for the perilous times which brought him to the front and carried our country through the stormiest contest ever known, and landed it safely in the harbor of safety and union"

At the conclusion of Dr. Calhoun's talk Mrs. Garrow read Lincoln's farewell and was followed by a solo by Mr. Tohill A choir composed of D. L Bunn, Bert Gher, Mrs. Adolph Moellet and Mrs. E Harwood gave several pleasing selections during the evening.

Commander Harwood's cousin, General Marden, of Lowell, Mass, gave a talk in which he said: "I consider myself fortunate indeed to come to Decatur just in time to join you in paying a tribute to Abraham Lincoln. I, like Dr. Calhoun, believe there is nothing so remarkable about Lincoln as his judgment and honesty. It makes for him the grand character which stands forth as an example to the youths of America as to what the character of an American citizen should be Lincoln had more in his head than whole regiments of statesmen who govern our country today. John Bunyon has said: 'Fame is a flower that grows on many a grave.' I say that Lincoln had his fame long before the grave took him He was a man of the people, was raised to his exalted position by the people and acted as his best judgment directed for the people. It was this that made him the model of American citizenship"

The remaining numbers of the program were of literary nature with which the audience was highly pleased and entertained.

Verdict for $3000.

In the circuit court at Monticello in the $15,000 damage case of Mrs Cole vs James Brown, the jury gave the plaintiff a verdict for $3000. I. R Mills and Attorney Reed prosecuted the case and Attorneys Lodge, Hicks and Cloyd defended. Brown had thrown hedge brush on the highway and Mrs. Cole, while seated in a buggy, passing the place, was struck in the face by a piece of the hedge, the sight of one eye being destroyed

Eddie Cook.

Lincoln News: At Havana, Monday, February 24, Eddie Cook will be called to trial again to answer to the charge of murder The desperate fight made by Cook since the first verdict of murder was rendered has depleted his pocketbook and taken from him the land interests which were given him by an indulgent mother. Unless some hitch occurs he will enter again on trial upon the date set and a jury will be asked to avenge the death of Minnie Bennett.

Funeral of Mrs. Downing.

From the Daily of Wednesday.

The funeral of Mrs. W. T Downing was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from St John's Episcopal church. Rev Bedford-Jones conducted the services and there was a large attendance. Music was rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. W. J Hostetler, Mrs. Robert Mueller, C. W. Montgomery and John Patin. The pall bearers were Cal Waggoner, Theron Powers, Charles Corneau, Frank Elwood, G W. Jenkins and Frank Caldwell. The interment was at Greenwood cemetery.

Chester Wood's Condition.

Chester Wood, the 13 year old son of Frank Wood, who was run over by an Illinois Central train at the William street crossing Saturday afternoon was not fatally injured but will be confined to his home for a long time as a result of the injury. Drs. Dixon and Birk, who were called to attend the boy found it necessary to amputate a part of the foot because it was so badly crushed. It is hoped that no further amputation will be necessary and if it is not the boy will have the use of his ankle joint and a part of the foot

GETS A NEW TRIAL

Arcola Murder Case to be Tried Again at Tuscola.

Alleged Murderer of W. S. DeNune in April May Escape the Prison—He Was Sent Up for 25 Years.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

This forenoon State's Attorney Mills received a telegram that the Illinois supreme court in the case of the People vs. William Appleton, had reversed the finding of the jury at Tuscola, and so the murder case will be tried over again.

Appleton had his trial before Judge Cochran and a jury at Tuscola in November last and was found guilty. The sentence on the verdict was 25 years in the penitentiary. Mr. Mills and Attorney Eckhardt defended the prisoner and confidently expected an acquittal.

Will Appleton is charged with the crime of murder, in killing W. S. DeNune at the town of Arcola on the night of April 20 last. Appleton kept a saloon in Arcola and DeNune was engaged in the same business. They had been the best of friends, but finally, on the night of April 20 they quarreled The story goes that they were both under the influence of liquor and had been carousing together. Something was said which angered DeNune and he flourished a revolver. Appleton did the same thing, later securing a shotgun and just as the curning hour between April 20 and 21 Appleton discharged the shot which sent his friend's body in a lifeless heap in a pool of blood on the principal business street of Arcola.

PETERS-DYER

Surprise Wedding Today at State Capital.

Judge Kane Performed the Ceremony at 9 O'clock This Morning—Couple Will Reside in Decatur.

Springfield, Feb. 16. — Walter F Peters and Miss Minnie Dyer, both of Decatur, were married in the county court at 9 o'clock this morning by Judge Kane

The couple are quite well known in Decatur. The bride's home is in on South Water street, and the groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peters, is the day driver of the city patrol wagon. All are ready to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peters.

KLONDIKE'S RIVAL.

Ore Assaying $15,000 Per Ton Discovered in Mexico.

Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 16 — A stir has been created in mining circles of this state over the discovery by a Mexican of a gold vein eight miles south of Corralitos, the ore of which assays over $15,000 per ton The vein is large, and can be easily worked. This is the second rich gold discovery that has been made in that locality in the past few weeks.

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DEATH RECORD

Mrs. W. T. Downing Passed Away Sunday.

Death of W. R. Cole, a Resident of Dalton City, and the Infant Child of Thomas Green of Long Creek.

From the Daily of Monday

Mrs. Ida A. Downing, wife of William T. Downing, died at 12:30 p m, Sunday, February 13, at the family residence north of the city, aged 40 years. Her death was caused by a complication of diseases.

The death of Mrs. Downing was not unexpected by her friends and family as she has been seriously ill for the past five months. Mrs Downing has been an invalid for the past four years. Her health gradually failed and about five months ago her condition became much worse and since then her death has been expected at any time The deceased resided in Decatur all her life and was well known and had many friends in the city.

Ida A. Davis was born February 8, 1858, at the home place north of the city, which was her late residence She had one brother and one sister, both of whom are now dead. She was married to William T. Downing in the year 1874 Besides her husband Mrs Downing leaves three children, Clifford O, aged 20 years, Anne Maud, aged 16 years, and William Poyntelle, aged five years. She is also survived by her mother, who is 75 years old today.

The funeral will be held from St. John's Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. Bedford-Jones and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery

W T. COLE.

W. T Cole, a well known resident of Dalton City, died of a complication of diseases at his home at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, aged 76 years. Mr Cole was well known in the vicinity of Dalton City.

The funeral was held this morning at 9 o'clock from the Presbyterian church at Dalton. The services were conducted by Rev. Clement and the burial was at the New Hope cemetery

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

The two months old child of Mr and Mrs. Thomas Green, living in Long Creek township, died at 8:10 p. m. Sunday, at the family residence

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon and the interment was at the Long Creek cemetery.

JAMES P. ATKIN.

James P. Atkin, aged 28 years, died of stomach trouble Friday, February 11, at 5 30 o'clock at Peru, Indiana. The deceased was a telegraph operator for the Wabash railroad and was located at Delphi, Indiana. When he was taken ill he went to the railroad hospital at Peru He leaves a wife and a mother and two brothers living at Mt Vernon. The remains were brought to Decatur Sunday afternoon at 3 30 o'clock and were taken to 345 South Webster street, the residence of Mrs W. M. Carrick the sister-in-law of the deceased. The funeral will be held from the residence at 9 30 o'clock Tuesday and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

From the Daily of Tuesday.

MRS MARY HENDRICKS

Mrs Mary Jane Hendricks, wife of Jacob C Hendricks, died of heart disease at 8:30 o'clock Monday night at her home, No 807 North Church street The death was sudden and unexpected During the day Mrs. Hendricks had been about the house and apparently was in as good health as usual Shortly after she retired she was seized with a violent spell of coughing. Her husband assisted her from the bed and placed her in an arm chair She recovered from the coughing and went back to bed and died in a short time Mr Hendricks was the only person in the house when his wife died Dr. C A. McLean was called and pronounced death due to heart failure.

Mary Jane Orwig was born at Mifflinburg, Pa, August 20, 1830 On May 24, 1853, she was married to Jacob C Hendricks, who survives her In 1865 she settled in Decatur with her husband, and for the past 24 years Mr and Mrs Hendricks have lived in their present residence on North Church street The deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Decatur Besides her husband she leaves five daughters: Mamie Hendricks of Decatur, Helen Hendricks, a teacher in the Chicago schools, Mrs E E W. Smith of Denver, Col, Miss Bertha Hendricks of Denver, Mrs G M. Hart of Detroit, Mich.; and two sons, Arthur Hendricks of Decatur and Harry Hendricks of Denver She also leaves one sister, Miss Rebecca Orwig of Des Moines, Iowa, and four brothers, J R. and T G Orwig of Des Moines, R G Orwig of Chicago and L. H Orwig of Louisburg, Pa

From the Daily of Tuesday.

MRS W H. BEAN

The many friends of Hon. W. H Bean, chairman of the Macon county board of supervisors, will be sorry to learn that his wife, who has been ill for some weeks died this morning at the home place near Blue Mound.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

The last meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County C E Union will be held on next Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church at 4 p. m The work of the year will be reviewed and plans made for the work of the coming year. Arrangements for the coming county convention will be discussed and the final arrangements made for the course of lectures on missionary extension work which will be given by local pastors under the auspices of the society The first number of the lectures a will be given on the 10th of March at the First Presbyterian church by Rev Frost Craft, the second at the Baptist church on the 17th by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and the last at the First M. E church on the 24th by Rev. S H. Bowyer.

Married Last Night.

B. S. Brooks and Miss Maud E. Peck were married last night at 7 30 o'clock at 927 West Cerro Gordo street, the house where they expect to make their home. The ceremony was performed by Rev Frost Craft in the presence of a few of the friends. The bride is a sister of Mrs J M. Huff with whom she has been making her home. The groom is the architect for the Huff Lumber company and is a prosperous young man

Births.

To Mr and Mrs. Henry Marcott, corner Franklin and Wood streets, Sunday, February 13, a daughter

To Dr and Mrs J L. Bevans, at their home on West Main street, Tuesday, February 15, a son.

The following are the members of the land seeking party on their way to Houston, Texas, with A O Bulen as the manager: C. P. Thatcher, E E Dillatush, Peter Keaster, R. Gordon, T. A Gasaway of Decatur, Bert Vanhorn, Dalton City, Frank Keaster, Emery; S G. Braden, Maroa, D S Harris, D. A Woodland, Maud Woodland, Arcola, G T Miller and Ann Miller, Cisco.

Mr and Mrs. Thomas Mason, who left their farm near Armington in December, 1896, to settle at Paris, Mo, have returned and will go on the farm as soon as they can get possession

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One box 30-inch heavy Grey Percale, 6c yd.
One box 32-inch Navy Blue Percale, 7c yd.
One lot of 10c Fancy Ginghams at 7c yd.
One lot of 10c Finest Seersuckers at 8½c yd.
One lot of 32-inch New Madras Cloths at 15c yd.
50 pieces Outing Cloth, stripes and plaids, at 4c yd.
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